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ELECTIONS FOR WEST BENGAL

Independent Inquiry Into Madras Affairs

WORKING COMMITTEE DECISIONS

NEW DELHI, July 28 (P.T.I.).

THE long awaited resolutions of the working Committee on the Ministerial affairs of Madras and West Bengal have been published today.

With regard to Madras the Working Committee has suggested the appointment of "one or more persons of repute and judgment" to conduct an enquiry in regard to the charges made against certain ministers of the previous Madras Government.

The Working Committee's resolution on West Bengal recommends the holding of free elections to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly within six months from now, on the basis of the Government of India, 1935.

Mr. T. Prakasam, former Premier of Madras whose charges necessitated the enquiry, commenting on the resolution, said that the Congress President and the Secretary must step aside, and allow Pandit Nehru and Dr. Rajendra Prasad to conduct the proposed enquiry. He had also some doubts about the wisdom of asking the present Premier, Mr. Kumaraswami Raja to hold a preliminary enquiry.

Dr. B. C. Roy, who is now in Paris, told an interviewer that he was not surprised with the decision on West Bengal.

Fresh Elections In West Bengal

The Congress Working Committee which had over two hours' discussion this morning, in a resolution has recommended the holding of fresh elections to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly within six months from now on the basis of the Government of India Act, 1935.

The Committee has asked the West Bengal Assembly Congress Party to submit to the Central Parliamentary Board proposals for an Interim Ministry in the Province.

In view of the proposed general elections in the Province need not take place.

The Working Committee has also directed for a reconstitution of the Bengal P.C.C. Executive.

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

The following is the text of the resolution on West Bengal:—

"Shri Jawaharlal Nehru made a report to the Working Committee about the situation in West Bengal and informed them of the impressions he had gathered during the three-day stay in Calcutta and the many people he had met there. The Committee, having considered the matter fully and met representative Congressmen from West Bengal, were of the opinion that it was desirable to have fresh elections, both for the West Bengal Legislative Assembly and the West Bengal Congress Organisation so that the people of West Bengal could have an early opportunity to elect people of their choice. It was pointed out that elections under the new constitution and with adult franchise would in all likelihood be held at the end of 1950 or the beginning of 1951.

"It was not possible to hold them earlier as the new voters' rolls could not be prepared, nor could other necessary arrangements be made before the end of 1950. Any election for the Legislative Assembly that was held before these new electoral rolls were ready must, therefore, necessarily be on the basis of the Government of India Act 1935 and the existing electoral rolls.

"Full elections for the Congress from the primary committees upwards also appear to be difficult to organise till the new electoral rolls have been prepared. The old rolls are completely out of date and are sometimes not available.

"1. The Working Committee, therefore, recommends:—

"(A) That fresh elections to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly be held within six months from now on the basis of the Government of India Act, 1935; and that the West Bengal Legislative Assembly be dissolved at a suitable time for this purpose.

JOINT ELECTORATES

"(B) If it is possible, these elections should provide for joint electorates with reservation of seats. If, however, this is not feasible or involves delay, then the existing system should be followed during these elections. Existing electoral rolls should be revised as far as possible so as to provide for the enrolment of refugees from East Pakistan who were voters in East Bengal and who have definitely settled in West Bengal and can show a resi-

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Satyagraha Move In Kaira District

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, July 28.

Borsad Taluka and Kaira District, well-known for the satyagraha movements of 1930-32 are again humming with preparations for a no-tax campaign and non-co-operation movement with the Government of Bombay on the issue of the merger of 42 villages with Bhardan Taluka without the prior consent of the people.

For fighting this issue, a Struggle Committee has been formed under the presidentship of Mr. Ashabhai Patel, veteran Congress leader of Kaira District.

In a letter written to the Home Minister, Bombay Government, he has observed that the formation of Bhardan Mahal without the consent of the people concerned or Taluka Samiti or Village Congress Samiti is absolutely unjust and autocratic. It is a matter of regret, he says, to have to fight our own Government, but it is also the duty of every Congressmen to fight against injustice and unjust action of any Government.

For these very reasons, he adds, we are starting the struggle from July 31, with the sympathy of most of the workers and leaders of Kaira District. Our first step, he says, will be non-co-operation and the second, no-tax campaign.

The President of the Struggle Committee has informed the Home Minister that as a first step all members will resign from the Borsad Taluka Supply and Prohibition Samities, Government Committees and Local Bodies. Even Honorary Magistrates will resign their posts.

MADRAS PREMIER ON SCOPE OF ENQUIRY

(From Our Correspondent)

MADRAS, July 28.

ALLEGATIONS and counter allegations against ministers and ex-Ministers of the Madras Cabinet will be enquired into jointly by Mr. Kumaraswami Raja and Mr. Prakasam.

This decision of the Working Committee of the Congress was disclosed by Kumaraswami Raja, Premier, Madras, who returned to Madras today after attending the Premier's conference and discussing Madras Ministerial affairs with the Congress High Command.

Mr. Raja stated further that the decision of the Committee was the result of his expressing the view that as Premier he should be given an opportunity to look into the charges against some of the Ministers in his Cabinet and Mr. Prakasam had also agreed to the proposal of joint enquiry.

SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS

The enquiry he said, would be confined to old charges only and would relate to specific allegations against individual ministers and not general complaints about the Ministry as a whole, which Mr. Deo deprecated in his report.

There can be no enquiry in general against the whole government said Mr. Raja, because the Government's decisions and actions on policies cannot be made matters of investigation.

The general comment in Madras on the Deo report, and unofficial version of which has been published, is that it was an unsuccessful attempt at white washing the sins of commission and omission of the Omandur regime.

Prakasam Wants Pattabhi To Step Aside

MADRAS, July 27: Mr. T. Prakasam, former Premier of Madras, commenting on the Congress Working Committee's resolution on the Madras ministerial affairs, said tonight that he would request Dr. Pattabhi and Sri Kala Venkata Rao to step aside from this enquiry and allow things to be done by Pandit Nehru, Sardar Patel and Babu Rajendra Prasad who were constituted members of the Sub-Committee.

Mr. Prakasam added: "While I feel thankful to the members of the Working Committee and to the three leaders who have been appointed members of a sub-committee to deal with further stages, I must express my disagreement with the view that Mr. P. S. Kumaraswami Raja should hold another preliminary enquiry of his own, and that I should be associated with him in the said enquiry.

"In the ordinary course, I should have no objection to sit with him and try to convince him of facts, but something extraordinary has happened with Mr. Kumaraswami Raja as well as Dr. Pattabhi and Mr. Kala Venkata Rao simultaneously on the same date in connection with the sanction sought for by Mr. Kumaraswami Raja from the Congress President and the Secretary for nominating the present ministry.

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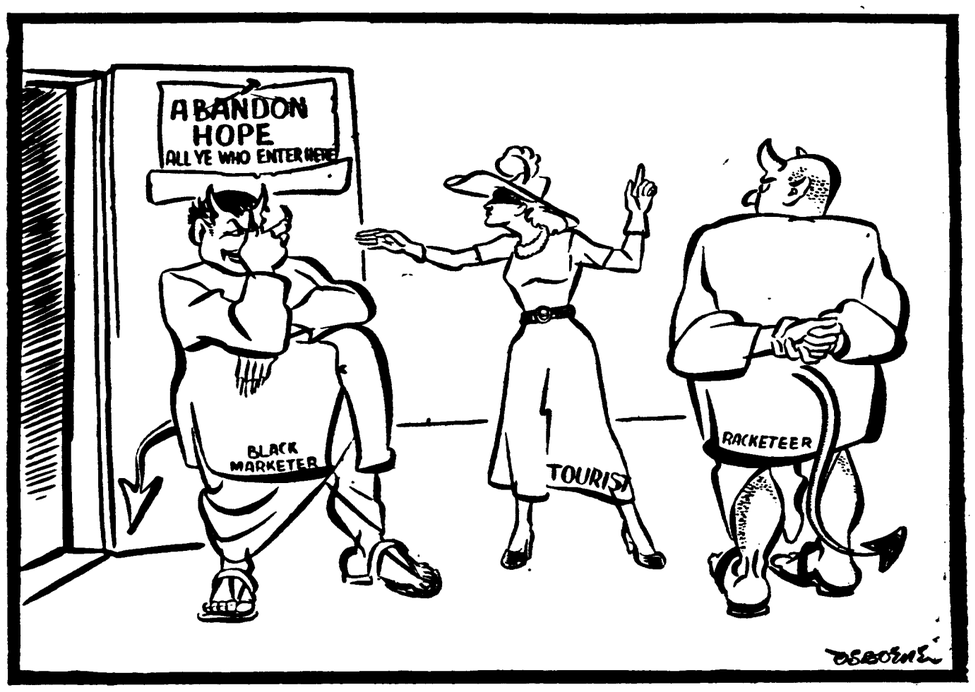

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FIFTEEN-POINT PLAN TO STIMULATE INVESTMENT

Advisory Council Accepts Dalal's Suggestions

NEW DELHI, July 28 (PTI).

A FIFTEEN-POINT programme for the stimulation of investment in industries, based largely on the recommendations of the Expert Committee headed by Sir Ardeshir Dalal, and measures to prevent closure of mills and accumulation of stocks were recommended in two resolutions adopted by the Central Advisory Council on Industries which concluded its two-day session today.

The highlight of the proceedings was the statement of policy regarding foreign capital and appeal for co-operation between Government employers and labour, by Minister, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee. He said that so far as economic problems, unemployment and other national questions were concerned, it was the desire of the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister to place them above party politics.

PLEA TO LABOUR AND CAPITAL

He appealed to all employers and labour to work together for the purpose of reducing the cost of living and stave off 'the crisis which threatens the nation'. The country at large did not want the profit-motive to dominate the future makeup of India's industry but desired the building up of a new economic fabric, so that the interest of common man might be served. He assured foreign investors that once they established factories, there would be no question of discrimination between Indian and foreign undertakings.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Investment Committee's report evoked considerable discussion, the labour representatives disagreeing with the views expressed in the report about the causes that contributed to the decline in investment. The report had given five main causes. They were partition of the country, changes in the distribution of income, certain Government import and trade policies, speculation in the Stock Exchange and uncertainties caused by the enquiries of the Income-Tax Investigation Commission. It had suggested thirteen measures to stimulate investment, including among others, revision of the taxation structure, reduction of Government expenditure, reduction in the prices of foodgrains, reform in the Stock Exchange, encouragment of small savings, equitable compensation for property acquired by Government, state participation in industrial ventures, co-ordinated import policy, uniformity of labour laws and encouragment of inflow of foreign and American capital.

While no agreement could be reached about the causes, there was general agreement about the remedail measures suggested and they were adopted with certain amendments. As regard the causes, the Council decided only to second them in the proceedings. The Council also added two more remedial measures to the list including the establishment of Industrial Finance Corporations in the Provinces and national planning with a view to integrating various measures of control the providing for co-ordinated development of agriculture, industry and trade.

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Funeral Feast

JAIPUR, July 28 (P.T.I.): Acting on information that a "big funeral feast" was being arranged, the Rajasthan police raided a house at Mulpura, 57 miles from here early this week. It is stated they recovered cooked food "meant to feed more than 3,000 persons." The police found that more than 500 persons had already been fed and food for more than 3,000 persons was on hand.

The local Magistrate has registered a case against three persons on a charge of contravening the feast control ordinance.

Liaquat Says Indian Muslims Are Not Free

KARACHI, July 28 (PTI-Reuter):—Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan, called to the nation "to stake their all for preservation of Pakistan's hard earned freedom" addressing a record Id congregation of about four lakhs at the Exhibition Grounds to-day.

The Prime Minister said: "On this happy day of Id, let us not forget the three and half crores Indian Muslims—our blood brothers—who are not free to-day and who are not celebrating this Id as free and independent people."

Europe Powerless Against Attack

ACHESON URGES QUICK AMERICAN AID

Russia's Armed Might Is A Menace To Peace

WASHINGTON, July 28 (PTI-Reuter).

UNITED States' Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, today told Congress: "The free nations of Western Europe, with whose security our own security is bound up, are incapable of defending themselves against a major armed attack".

He was testifying before the House of Foreign Affairs Committee in favour of the Adminjstration's 140,000,000 dollar military assistance programme.

RUSSIA'S ARMY

This combined with the fact that "the Soviet Union today maintains the largest peacetime military force in the history of the world" made it necessary for Congress to approve the programme promptly, he said.

"The combination of these two facts —a huge aggressive force on one side and admittedly inadequate defence forces on the other—has created a morbid sense of insecurity in Western Europe.

"The fear is justified. The danger is real, however much some may try to argue it out of existince", Mr. Acheson declared.

DANGER OF AGGRESSION

Mr. Acheson said the possibilities of "direct military aggression" upon Western Europe could not be ignored.

He said: "When political aggression fails, as it has failed so far in Western Europe, totalitarian regimes are often tempted to gain their objectives by military means, particularly when they consider that no effective resistance is possible.

Mr. Acheson said that in the light of the North Atlantic Treaty and with the military assistance programme, no aggressor would dare to gamble on the possibility of provoking a total war.

THE DOOR CLOSED

He said that this common defence would cancel out the advantage which marauding nations have always had in Europe, "the advantage of piecemeal aggression, the technique of the fait accompli that dictators have used to absorb independent nations before and since World War Two. The fundamental pledge of the treaty, that an attack on one signatory will mean an attack on all, closes the door to piecemeal aggression."

"The gangster mind likes to gamble only on sure things. Its victims are the weak and unprepared, and it does not relish the prospect of fighting an aroused society.

"An invasion of Western Europe would mean a total war in which the aggressor would be putting its strength against the combined strength of the Atlantic Pact nations.

THE CHOICE

"That is a choice which no nation would make unless it believed that swift military action could gain it enough usuable military potential to more than balance the remaining forces arrayed against it.

"It is the aim of this programme to insure that a successful swift and comparatively effortless military action by an aggressor would be impossible and

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AN EYE FOR LOVE

FRESNO, California, July 28 (U.P.A.). A Citizen's Committee took action on Thursday, to prevent a Fresno disabled veteran from selling one of his eyes to bring his German sweetheart to America.

A fund has been started to raise 1,100 dollars needed by Charles Eller, 28. The former soldier said the money was required as a bond by the Immigration Department before his fiance, Elyse Backmann, 24, of Ober Ramstadt, could enter the United States.

Eller said, "I am willing to sell one of my eyes to some blind person. I'll still have the other eye to get around with."

Yangtze Claims Ten Lives

NANKING, July 28 (U.P.A.): At least 10 persons were drowned and 60,000 made homeless when the typhoon-whipped waters of the Yangtze River swept over three inhabited islets on Monday.

Some seven thousand acres of paddy fields on the islands outside Nanking were inundated by the raging Yangtze which reached a height several feet above the record 1931 flood level.

Huge waves, whipped up by the typhoon, which killed at least 20 persons in Shanghai, crashed through the embankments of the islets of Kianghsin, Taliuchow and NanChiufuchowl. Flood waters poured in covering the tiny dots of land. Kianghsin, inhabited by nearly 7,000 people, virtually disappeared with only a few tree tops and roofs visible. However, only one family, attempting to escape by canoe, was drowned. The rest were evacuated safely to Nanking.

Surprise Raid On Gambling Den

165 MEN ARRESTED

MAPLE SHADE (New Jersey), July 28 (UPA): An elaborate big-time gambling casino, equipped with a steel look-out tower, was raided on Thursday by State Police who arrested 165 men and seized 38,700 dollars. At least 15 of the suspects were described by police as "king-pin gamblers" in New Jersey.

Acting on a tip, a detail of 18 State Troopers surrounded the one-story concrete gambling house early on Thursday morning. They sneaked past the look-out tower under cover of darkness and battered down the doors and broke into the building with drawn guns. Some of the troopers rounded up customers and gamblers, while others seized the "bank." There were no shots fired.

Arrangements were made for suspects to get hearings before police recorders. Police said that most of the customers were from Philadelphia. A number of suspects were identified by police as henchmen of a Pennsylvania numbers baron.

The surprise raid had been planned in advance, but the troopers said the gamblers were caught red-handed.

The casino—a new building on the outskirts of this small community of 6,000 population—was described as a "(lavish set-up" completely furnished with gambling devices. Several guns and a supply of bullets were confiscated by the police from guards posted around the establishment.

Australian Coal Strike

SYDNEY, July 28 (UPA). Thirteen hundred Australian troops armed with rifles and sub-machine guns left Sydney on Thursday for the coal fields to work open face mines idle since Australia's 23,000 Communist-led miners struck five weeks ago.

The soldiers will start mining next Tuesday ,unless the strike ends.

INDONESIAN TALKS PAST THE "CRISIS STAGE"

Cease-Fire Agreement Very Soon

BATAVIA, July 28 (UPA).

INFORMED sources on Thursday said that the "crisis" stage in the Dutch-Indonesian cease fire talks at Jogjakarta has passed, and the agreement sponsored by the U.N. would probably be ratified this week-end.

The sources said the delegates were busily working out final technical details of the cease fire agreement with the help of United Nations military advisers. It is understood the agreement envisages zoning various areas into Indo-Dutch territories in which the truce will be observed.

They said that Wednesday's peace talks took place in a friendly atmosphere unlike earlier meetings last week.

THE DANGER

Dr. L. N. Palar, spokesman for the Indonesian Republic's United Nations group and now enroute to Jogjakarta, said at Singapore on Thursday that any further Dutch armed attacks against the Republic could "push" Indonesia into the Communist camp.

He told a press conference, "The Indonesian Republic has given proof that it does not want any part of Communism but she could be pushed into co-operation with the Communists. For instance, if the Dutch used their army against us again, I would fight with the Indonesian Communists against the Dutch myself." He added parenthetically, "Afterward I might have to go into exile."

PUPPETS

He said the Federalists, who will share the responsibility with the Republic in the proposed new United States of Indonesia, were originally organized by the Dutch as puppets. "But they are not puppets now. Every day they are growing closer to the Republicans. This does not make the Dutch happy, but augurs well for the future of the country" He added that he had "hope" for the success of the cease fire talks now going on in Jogjakarta, but said, "It would be wrong to say that I am hopeful."

Palar was accompanied by Dr. D. S. Sumitro, his alternate at UN. They will spend approximately one month conferring with Indonesian leaders before returning to New York.

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Bid To Rob Dena Bank Foiled

Policeman's Vigilance: Five Arrested In Bombay

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A planned robbery of a city bank was foiled last night by the vigilance of a police constable who spotted the stolen car in which the party of alleged robbers came to the bank to carry out their purpose.

Five men, two of them said to be notorious deportees who had returned to the city in defiance of deportation orders, were caught red handed as they were actually engaged in breaking open the doors of the bank. They were all put under arrest by an emergency squad of police men who had been summoned post haste by the police constable.

The police also took charge of a car which belonged to an Indian Jahgirdar and which had been stolen when it was parked behind the Metro cinema some time ago. It is suspected that the car had been used earlier for similar offences in the city. The police also seized a large number of implements used by the brigands for their nefarious purpose.

The police, however, refuse to disclose the identity of the arrested men as they expect to make further arrests of their associates, who may have formed a gang for carrying out similar robberies elsewhere.

CAR DISCOVERED

It is stated that at about 11 p.m last night a police constable of the Palton Road on patrol duty near the Elphinstone Circle discovered a car which he suspected was a stolen one. The car was parked near the head office of the DENA Bank. The car, it is stated beonged to Dhanraj Harischandra Singh and bore the number plate BMZ 2220. The car was reported stolen on July 22, four days earlier. When the constable saw it, it bore a false number plate bearing the number BMZ 2271. Despite this disguise, the constable had his suspicions aroused by the fact that five men who had got out of the car were moving about in a furtive and suspicious fashion.

At once he went to the nearest telephone and rang up his station. Sub-Inspector Talim who got the call, collected as many men as he could muster at short notice and rushed in police jeeps to the spot. Nearing the bank the police party took the precaution of dispersing themselves and watching the bank.

Presently they saw a few men walk up to the bank door and start prying it open. The police immediately fell on them and took them into custody.

The also took the implement-laden car along.

The bank officials were the most surprised when they knew about this, because the whole incident had taken place swiftly and silently.

DEFAMATION CASE COMPOUNDED

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The complaint of defamation lodged by Mrs. Tehmina Adi Damania, proprietress, Edina Nursing Institute, Petit House Annexe, third floor, Nana Chowk against Dara Khurshidji Proprietor of the Dolina Nursing Home on the fourth floor of the same building and Maltibai Pathare, a nurse in the Dolina Nursing Home was marked compounded by Mr. Kanrilal C. Thakore, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, after the hearings of the case had phoceeded for a year.

The complaint was an offshoot of the alleged professional rivalry between the first accused and the husband of the complainant, which resulted in the two accused using abusive language against the complainant on July 20 last year.

The accused stated that he had nothing to say against the complainant and the parties agreed not to proceed with the case.

13-LAKH REFUGEES MOVE TO W. BENGAL

Govt.'s Preliminary Census

CALCUTTA, July 28. (PTI): Thirteen lakhs of refugees comprising three lakhs families, have come over to West Bengal from Pakistan, mostly from East Pakistan, according to preliminary estimates of census of displaced persons just now completed by the Governmen. of West Bengal.

Of these refugees, about three and a half lakhs are now in Calcutta, while the rest are spread over the districts.

It was stated, recently, the number of refugees has considerably decreased in Calcutta but there has been a corresponding increase in the districts.

On their own initiative many of them—fishermen, agriculturists etc., living in Calcutta and district towns —have now gradually been moving to rural areas to seek occupation. There is also a visible exodus of refugees to the neighbouring provinces, like Orissa, Bihar Assam and the states of Cooch-Behar and Tipperah.

Coming from all strata of society, these displaced persons comprise middle class intelligentsia, agriculturists, small traders, fishermen, artisans, weavers, washermen, barbers, and landless peasants.

Most of them are in need of Government help in the shape of industrial, agricultural and housing loans to get themselves rehabilitated.

The census was undertaken by the provincial Government at the instance of the Government of India, and the enumeration which started on July 5, was completed on July 26. Enumeration slips will soon be despatched to the Home Affairs Ministry.

General Election In W. Bengal

NEW DELHI, July 28 (A.P.I.): The Congress Working Committee had over two hours discussion this morning and is believed to have advised the holding of general elections in West Bengal before the end of this year or early in January 1950.

The Government, it is understood, have sought legal opinion as to the feasibility of amending the 1935 Act in respect of elections.

The question has however been deferred till the return of Dr. B. C. Roy, Premier.

The Working Committee has called upon the various groups in the Provincial Congress Committee to make up their differences and to assist in the formation of an interim ministry, pending the elections. It is presumed that if the epected unity was not forthcoming the Congress High Command might intervene and impose a solution.

In so far as the Madras affairs are concerned, it is understood that the committee has decided to set up an inquiry subject to certain qualifications.

Netherland Bank's Branch At Bangkok

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A branch of the Netherlands India Commercial Bank will be opened at Bangkok (Thailand) on August 5, to conduct all classes of banking and exchange business, it was announced here today.

19 R. S. S. MEN ARRESTED

Sangh Workers Break Police Ban

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A fortnight after the ban on the R.S.S. was removed, 19 volunteers of that organisation were taken into custody by the police on Wednesday.

Almost immediately after the ban there were reports that members and volunteers of the organisation were holding meetings, parades and drills despite the existence of orers banning the holding of such mettings. It was only on Tuesday that Mr. M. S. Golwalkar, the Sar Sangh Chalak or chief organiser of the R.S.S. urged the R.S.S. men to be loyal to the government and observe whatever laws and orders were in force.

It is stated that on Wednesday morning while a group of R.S.S. men were holding a flag salutation ceremony, hoisting not the National Tricolour but the 'Bhagwa Jhanda' Sub. Inspector Shah of the Dadar police station warned them to desist. But upon their refusal to comply six of the men were put under arrest. Later in the day the six men were produced before a Presidency Magistrate at Dadar and were enlarged on bail.

But in the evening another group of R.S.S. men, it is stated, were going through the same forbidden programme. This time all the 12 volunteers who were participating were put under arrest. Having been detained in the police lock-up overnight, some of the men were bailed out by the police at noon today. Inquiries about the precedents of the rest are in progress.

Another R.S.S. volunteer who is alleged to have been attempting to collect a gathering of sympathisers at Matunga was also put under arrest by the Kingsway police.

No arrests were affected this morning, but a police picket was guarding the open ground at the Nardulla Tank Road today.

Police circles would not comment on the arrests—particularly if it meant that R.S.S. was again on the war path and offering systematic Satyagraha. But a police spokesman explained that although the R.S.S. is now perfectly legal and orders of the Polic eCommissioner banning the holding of meetings or processions without prior permission was in force and was applicable to all parties including the R.S.S. It was only in terms of these universal bans that action had been taken by the police.

50 E. Punjab Villages Reserved For Defence Personnel

NEW DELHI, July 28, (PTI): Fifty villages in the East Punjab and 20 villages in the Patiala and East Punjab States Union are to be reserved for colonisation by Defence Service personnel.

A scheme to this effect, prepared by the Defence Services Relief and Rehabilitation Organisation, has been approved by the Government of the East Punjab.

Brig. Bakhshi Pritam Singh, Head of the Organisation, told the P.T.I. that it was intended to develop these villages into model colonies.

Government have also under consideration a Rs. 16-lakh scheme for the development of the Kalokari area near the Lodi Colony New Delhi. Nearly 900 plots will be available to Defence Service personnel and 2,000 plots to civilians.

Eight hundred families of servicemen and ex-servicemen have been allotted land in the Matsya Union.

Brig Pritam Singh's Organisation faces a task of great magnitude, for it has to help in rehabilitation roughly seven lakhs of Defence Services serving personnel and ex-Servicemen and their families from the West Punjab about 5,000 from Eastern Pakistan and 10,000 from Jammu and Kashmir.

Explaining the scope of the Organisation, he said, "the rehabilitation policy is laid down by the Government of India. We have got to fit in within its framework."

LIAISON OFFICERS

The Defence Services Organisation works under the Government of India's Ministry of Rehabilitation. It has liaison officers in the East Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir and Bengal, who visit Defence Services families in villages, camps and townships and keep in close touch with the rehabilitation authorities of each province to settle the many problems that constantly arise. The work of the liaison officers is supervised by two inspecting officers. The problems which cannot be solved locally are brought to the Centre by the inspecting officers.

Within the policy framed by the Rehabilitation Ministry, the Defence Services Organisation has reserved seven and half percent of the housing accommodation in Delhi and five percent in the townships of the East Punjab for serving personnel employed in operational areas. The actual number of newly built houses given to them is 350 in the East Punjab and 75 in Delhi.

Refugees from Kashmir have created a special problem. Government's policy is that every Kashmiri must go back to Kashmir when the Kashmir issue is settled and hence Defensive Services refugees from there are not entitled to allotments of land even temporarily, in the Indian Dominion. To mitigate their hardships, they are given free rations. Those whose homes are in the Indian held areas of Kashmir are being encouraged to return to their villages.

Strictly speaking, The Indian Organisation is not responsible for the rehabilitation of Kashmir State Forces refugees but the Liaison Officer in Jammu and Kashmir has been instructed to bring their cases to the notice of the State Rehabilitation authorities.

Brig. Pritam Singh emphasised that Defence Services refugees received no favoured treatment. "They are citizens as much as anybody else", he said. "But serving personnel cannot look after their families and even ex-servicemen do not really known how to get along in civil life. That is the reason why we have our liaison officers to represent their cases."

HEADQUARTERS

At the moment the Liaison Officers are working in Jullundur with their respective Rehabilitation Deputy Commissioner, sorting out the claims of Defence Service personnel for quasi-permanent allotment of land. The majority of the seven lakh Defence Services refugees come from the rural classes and they have been resettled temoporarily on land leased to them for cultivation. Like other refugees, they are waiting for the permanent allotments.

U. P. TEN-YEAR 'SOCIAL EDUCATION' SCHEME

Adult Education Committee's Proposal

LUCKNOW, July 28 (PTI): A ten-year scheme has been drawn up by the United Provinces Government to educate 25,000,000 adults of the Province.

"Social education"—as the mass education plan will be known—will include, besides emphasis on literacy, a number of subjects, like agriculture, health, hygiene, and general outline of civic and Indian history.

The new scheme of "social education" was drawn up by the Adult Education Committee presided over by Prof. N. K. Sidhanta, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Lucknow University. The Committee submitted its interim recommendations to the Government last year.

Under the scheme, an adult will require six months training at the rate of one hour a day to complete the minimum education necessary to entitle him for a certificate. A mobile squad in each district of the province will look after the cultural side of social education.

The U. P Government's expenditure on adult education is nearly Rs. 1,100,000 per annum and the teaching strength about 2,000. It is propcsed to give refresher courses to the teachings and acquire the services of part-time "trainers" for payment of Rs 15 per month each.

Relief To Kashmir Muslims

JAMMU, July 28, (PTI): Over 8,000 displaced Muslims have been resettled in Jammu Province, says a press note issued today by the Kashmir State authorities. Loans amounting to 17 lakhs of rupees have been advanced to enable them to purchase bullocks and agricultural implements. About 22,000 maunds of seeds have also been loaned to the displaced Muslims.

The press note adds that the state authorities have distributed to them large quantities of soap, oil, cloth, salt and other articles free.

Nominations From Merged States

Bombay Claims The Highest Quota

NEW DELHI, July 27 (PTI): Representation for merged States in the Legislature of the respective provinces have been provided for by an order which the Government of India issued today under Section 290 A of the Government of India Act, 1935 (as adapted by the Constitutient Assembly of India).

The effect of this order which will come into force from August 1, 1949 will be that the States integrated with provinces will for all pudposs become part of the provinces.

Under the Order which is published in a Gazette of India extraordinary, the strength of the Legislative Assemblies of provinces has been increased thus:

Madras by 2 (for Pudukkottai, Angappale and Sandur).

Bombay by 61 (23 for Baroda, 17 for Gujarat States, 8 for Kolhapur and 13 for Deccan States).

Bihar by 1.

C. P. and Berar by 17.

East Punjab by 1.

And Orissa by 31.

Representation in the Bombay Legislative Council has been increased by 10.

According to the order the Governor General will nominate duty qualified persons to fill the additional seats

PROVINCES & STATES UNIONS

Differentiation Will Go, Says Mr. Dhebar

(From Our Corespondent)

RAJKOT, July 28.

Mr. U. N. Dhebar, Premier of Saurashtra, who returned from Delhi after discussions with the Government of India regarding the position of State in relation to the Centre, said at a press conference today that it is probable that within the next ten or fifteen years the financial relations between Provinces and the Centre and States Unions and the Centre would be identical.

He further revealed that the present differentiation between Provinces and States Unions with regard to the power of making laws, arrangement between the High Courts and the Supreme Court at Delhi, powers and functions of Governors and Rajpramukhs, the Provincial and State Forces will also disappear.

Final decisions on points discussed at the recent conference of Premiers is expected to be made at another meeting to be held about August 21.

Mr. Dhebar said that India was designing her constitution in such a way that there will only be three administrative units, namely Provinces, administered areas like Cutch and States.

The result of the talks that the Saurashtra Merchants Chamber had with the Government of India with regard to the Income-tax recently introduced in Saurashtra was still not known said Mr. Dhebar.

MOVE TO WIPE OUT FOOD DEFICIT

Saurashtra Appoints Five Sub-Committees

RAJKOT, July 28 (PTI): The Saurashtra Agricultural and Rural Development Board which met here for the first time yesterday appointed five sub-committees. The Committees would advise the Government on water shortage, land improvement, co-operation in agriculture, animal husbandry, afforestation and allied subjects, with a view to wipe out Saurashtras 1,60,000 tons food deficit—25 per cent of the production in the State.

Mr. U. N. Dheber, Chief Minister inaugurating the meeting asked the Board to work in such a manner that the Government and the cultivator understood each others view points and co-operated.

Mr. Girdharlal Koak, Food Minister, explained the Government's policy in the field of production and said that all possible assistance was being given to the cultivator. The Government, he added, was providing tractors, manure, and subsidies for sinking wells.

He appealed to the people to bring under the plough uncultivated and fallow lands to step up production.

American Youths Meet Rajaji

NEW DELHI, July 28 (UPI): The thirty-one American youths who are in Delhi, now on a goodwill educational trip round the world, met Shree C. Rajagopalachari, Governor-General of India, at the Government House this morning, and were closetted with him for about two hours.

Four members of the All-India Youth Congress namely Shree S. Gopal Shashtri (Organising Secretary A. I. Youth Congress), Shree Kulwant Rai, Shree P. Singh and Shree T. N. Saighal, also accompanied the party to the Government House.

Danger Of Linguistic Imperialism

NEW DELHI, July 28, (PTI): The fear of "linguistic imperialism" can only be removed from the minds of the people in different linguistic regions if, in content, the national language is as near as possible to the several regional languages.

Making this observation, Mr. Rahul Sankrityayan, Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji, Mr. Balakrishna Sharma and Mr. Jai Chandra Vidyalankar said that the great problem before the country was regional integration which could be achieved only through "accommodation of regional sentiments in the matters of national language and script."

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Today's Engagements

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING: of the Bombay Provincial Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bombay, will be held at its Registered Office in Sir Vithaldas Thakersey Memorial Building, 9, Bake House Lane, Fort, Bombay, on Saturday, the 30th July 1949 at 2 p.m.

RADIO

FRIDAY, July 29.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s) also 7-30 a.m to 9-00 a.m. 31.41 metres (9,550 kc/s) 12-45 p.m. to 2-30 p.m. 41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s) 4-20 p.m. to 7-45 p.m. 31.41 metres (9,550 kc/s) 8-00 p.m to 11-00 p.m. 41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

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7-30 a.m. Sajjad Hussain Qureshi (Mandoli) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Ram Pyari (Gujarati songs) 8-45 News (G) 12-45 p.m. Musical Interlude 12-50 Mohammad Yasin (Ghazal Atish) 1-0 News (G) 1-10 As in Bombay—B 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Berlioz 4-20 School Broadcast 5-0 S. K. Joshi (Vocal) 5-15 S. H. Qureshi (Mandolin) 5-30 As in Bombay—B 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-20 B. R. Deodhar (Vocal) 7-0 Topic of Day 7-10 Locals 7-15 S. K. Joshi (Vocal) 7-45 Ras Gestion 8-0 Ram Pyari (G. songs) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 As in Bombay—B 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 As in Bombay—B 10-0 American Sketch Book by Lee Clark.

BOMBAY—B

7-30 a.m. As in Bombay—A 7-45 News (K) 8-0 Shantabai Lajmi (Vocal) 8-30 News (M) 8-45 Sundrabai Jadhav (Vocal) 13-45 p.m. As in Bombay—A 12-50 News (M) 1-0 Sundrabai Jadhav (Vocal) 1-10 Mile Jule Gane 1-40 News (H) 1-50 Mahila Mandal (G) 4-20 As in Bombay—A 5-30 Shantabai Lajmi (Vocal) 6-0 Mohammad Yasin 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners (M & K) 7-15 As in Bombay—A 7-30 Commercial News 7-45 News (K) 8-0 News (M) 8-15 Sundrabai Jadhav (Vocal) 8-30 Talk (M) 8-45 Sajjad Hussain Qureshi (Mandoln) 9-0 Shantabai Lajmi (Vocal) 9-360 Ram Pyari (G. songs) 9-45 Talk (E) 10-0 "Rim Jhim" (H) 10-30 B. R. Deodhar (Vocal).

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7-30 a.m. Gazal Aur Qawalli 8-0 News (E) 8-15 Amritlal M. Bhatt (Geets) 8-30 Sharnabai Palgankar (Khayal Bhairavin) 8-45 News (G) 6-0 p.m. News (E) 6-10 Bhailal Barot (Bansari vadan) 6-25 Nanalal Krut Geet by Ambubhai Mody 6-35 Gramjano Mate (From Baroda only) 6-35 Majur Bhaiyo Mate (From Ahmedabad) 7-0 Chitra Srushti 7-15 Topic of Day 7-25 Musical Interlude 7-30 Sharnabai Palgankar (Puria Dhanashree) 7-45 Amritlal M. Bhatt (Geets) 8-0 Master Ibrahim (Clarionet) 8-10 Locals 8-15 News (G) 8-30 R. D Nigoskar (Maru Bihag) 9-0 News (E) 9-15 Hemant Kumar 9-30 Venibhai Purohit Rachit Bhajano (Saraswatisagar Mistry) 9-45 Bhailal vadan) 10-0 R. D. Nigoskar (Khayal Vilambit aur Drut Champay).

PEOPLE ARE LEARNING HOW TO SAVE

Government's Campaign Makes Headway

BOMBAY, Thursday: The Indian Government's campaign to encourage thirft and saving among the small-income group of the population has made considerable headway in the last two years, it was authoritatively learned here.

This campaign, based on the recommendations of the Economy Committee appointed by the Government, aims at combating inflation and generally enchanting the economic well-being of the labour middle classes.

The small saving scheme consists of the issuance of savings stamps at all post offices for four annas, eight annas and one rupee and savings certificates of the denominations of Rs. 5, 10, 50, 100, 1,000 and 5,000.

The slogan "save what you can" is popularised throughout the country through posters, pamphlets and other media. Savings weeks are organised in towns and villages, while savings exhibitions are held at sports and entertainment gatherings.

The Economy Committee reported: "If this country is to regain its old balance and even to improve its standard of living, our people including the poorer classes must learn this great habits of thrift"

Colections by way of savings stamps and savings certificates totalled nearly Rs. 1,240,000,000 since the inception of the campaign.

SATISFACTORY RESULTS

Recently, the Indian Government started a drive to collect Rs. 500,000,000 under the small savings scheme this year. The result hitherto has been satisfactory. Bombay topping the list with Rs. 80,000,000 already collected. Collections in Bengal have reached about Rs. 40,000,000 and in the United Provinces about Rs. 20,000,000.

The thrift and savings movement was inaugurated in 1943 but, under the then existing circumstances, it was opposed by many shades of political opinion in the country. Leaders of the Indian National Congress described it as "nothing but just another war effort of the British Government in India".

The Defence Savings Certificates issued at that time for war funds were replaced, at the cessation of hostilities, with national savings certificates, carrying a more attractive rate of interest. Since the transfer of power 2 years ago, the savings campaign received fresh impetus.

The small savings scheme has its headquarters in Simla. The Commissioner for national savings control the organisation, with its chain of branches all over the country. The deputy National Savings Officer in the provincial capitals, are the live-wires of the organisation, touring the districts and popularising the campaign.

PUT UP A UNITED FRONT

Sarat Bose's Appeal To Socialists

HUBLI, July 28 (PTI.) Mr. Serat Chandra Bose, founder-President of the Socialist Republican Party of India today appealed to the Socialists of India to "forget their differences and make an effort to put up a united front against reactionary forces."

Mr. Bose, who was inaugurating the Merged Kannada States People Conference, convened to oppose nomination of members to the Bombay Legislature, said only the formation of such a front would bring "lasting peace" to India.

Mr. Bose opposed the nomination of members to the legislature and said only elected candidates would be real representatives of the masses.

Challenging the Government to State its achievements in the past two years since the attainment of freedom, Mr. Bose said: "suppressing the press, sending persons to prison without trial and resorting to firing on unarmed people had become the rule of the day."

Mr. Bose said: "the white cap has lost its symbol of purity nowadays and instead has become a sign of corruption. The Government instead of putting down nepotism, corruption and favouritism which is rampant in the country at present, is frittering away its energies on petty matters like stopping rummy and drinks."

The Government, he said, had done nothing in the country to improve agriculture and industry. "I am sure a socialist Government could alone remove these ills," Mr. Bose declared.

Pakistan Soviet Union Friends Society

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, July 28: With a view to have closer relationship between the people of Pakistan and Soviet Russia, a new organisation by the name of 'Pakistan Soviet Union Friends Society' has now been established here.

Main functions of this new Society will be to propagate the various achievements and ideals of the Soviet Union amongst the people of Pakistan and thus bring these two neighbouring countries much closer to each other.

Wheel-Tax On Karachi Cycles

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, July 28: In order to meet its huge budgetary deficit, the Karachi Municipal Corporation has now imposed a special wheel-tax of Rs. 4 per year for every bicycle running in the streets of Karachi and Rs. 8 per year on every cycle-rickshaw.

WEATHER

POONA, July 28 (PTI.) The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, total rainfall from June 1, 1949 and departure from normal, recorded at 08-30 hours (I.S.T.) on July 29, 1949:—

Ahmedabad 91 79 T 11.8 minus 3.1 Ahmednagar 87 69 0.1 4.1 minus 4.6 Ajmer 83 75 0.5 9.9 plus 1.8 Akola 93 75 0.8 21.3 plus 6.7 Bangalore 81 66 0.6 17.1 plus 1.7 Baroda 88 77 T 11.1 minus 6.5 Belgaum 78 69 0.1 3.8 minus 19.8 Bhopal 87 75 0.1 16.4 minus 8.3; BOMBAY 86 77 0.5 39.6 minus 2.3 Calcutta 91 80 T 22,2 minus .1 Darjiling 68 58 0.4 56.1 plus 2.3 Delhi 83 77 0.8 18.1 plus 8.7 Hyderabad (Dn.) 74 0 9.8 minus 0.1 Indore 86 74 0 15.9 minus 0.2 Jaipur 84 74 0.9 10.9 plus 1.8 Jubbulpore 86 77 0.3 17.2 minus 7.29 Kolhapur— 71 aT 9.1— Lucknow 92 79 0 9.9 minus 5.5 Madras 95 79 0 6.5 plus 1.4 Mahabaleshwar 66 63 1.0 86.0 plus 49.7 Mussoorie 65 59 0 24.7 minus 7.9 Nagpur 90 77 0 29.5 Ootacamund 66 56 0 10.8 minus 3.4 Patna 88 79 0.6 26.6 plus 9.1 Poona 82 73 0 3.7 minus 6.8 Rajkot 88 78 0.2 94 minus 4.7 Shillong 77 63 0 27.4 minus 3.5 Sholapur 92 73 0 11.2 plus 2.9 Simla 66 58 1.6 23.0 plus 2.7 Udaipur 83 73 0.3 7.8 minus 3.0 Vizagapatam 85 82 0 6.4 minus 1.7.

The following is the daily weather summary for Thursday the July 28, 1949:

Yesterday's upper air cyclonic circulation over Rajputana is less marked this morning. The monsoon has been active in and near the Punjab-Kumaon hills and in Saurashtra, the Konkan and Malabar.

Rainfall has also occurred locally in Chota Nagpur Bihar, the west United Provinces, east Rajputana, Madhya Bharat, the Central Provinces, south Hyderabad, Mysore and the north Madras coast and a few stations elsewhere over the country.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL THE EVENING OF JULY 29TH: Rainfall will be widespread in and near the Punjab-Kumaon hills, in the Konkan and Malabar and occur locally in Gangetic West Bengal, Orissa, Chota Nagpur, the plains of the East Punjab, east Rajputana, Saurashtra, Madhya Bharat, the west Central Provinces and the north Deccan Scattered showers are likely elsewhere over the country.

SPLIT IN GUJERAT CONGRESS LIKELY

Differences Over Kaira And Cambay Issues

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

AHMEDABAD, July 28.

Growing discontent is observed in Congress circles of Gujerat especially Kaira district and Cambay against the Government of Bombay and the Gujerat Provincial Congress Committee.

It is learned that after the Borsad taluka Congress Committee's resolution giving notice to the Government for offering satyagraha, if merger of the 32 villages of Borsad taluka with Bhadaran is not stopped, one of the office-bearers of the Kaira district committee has threatened to go on fast, if this issue is not settled according to the will of the people.

It is further learned that the matter has been referred to Sardar Patel and Mr. Kanaiyalal Desai, President of the G.P.C.C.

Regarding Cambay, the people of that town have strongly protested against Government's move to shift the sub-divisional centre of Cambay to Petlad. All the members of the Cambay Taluka Congress Committee have threatened to walk out from the Congress if the Cambay issue is not settled.

Owing to these developments, a split in the Congress rank and file is feared in Gujerat.

Ganga Level Recedes

BANARAS, July 27 (P.T.I.): After registering a rise of 20 feet within a week, the flood level of the river Ganga receded by one and a half feet during the last 24 hours.

See PRITHVIRAJ
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DEEWAR
TOMORROW SAT. 30TH AT 10 A.M.
ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

CLOTH POSITION IN AHMEDABAD

Dr. Mookerjee's Enquiry

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, July 28. It is reliably learned from well-informed circles that Dr. Shyamaprasad Mookerjee's India's Supply Minister, has indirectly enquired about the cloth position in Ahmedabad. He had desired to be furnished with facts concerning the stock lying in the various mills here as well as the purchase and sale. This, it is believed, is to post himself with "first hand" information.

DETENUS ON HUNGER STRIKE

JULLUNDUR, July 27, (PTI): Provincial headquarters of the Socialist Party, East Punjab Branch, announced here today that Shrimati Vidya Puri and five Socialist prisoners are on hunger strike in the Ludhiana District Jail since Sunday last as a protest against the treatment being meted out to them.

These prisoners were arrested on 'Hissar Day' at Ludhiana on June 16.

The announcement added that as under-trial prisoners they were treated as better class prisoners but immediately after they were sentenced on July 22 they were given "C" class treatment.

Future Of Ajmer-Merwara

(From A Correspondent)

AJMER, July 28.

The Chief Commissioner of Ajmer-Merwara has called a meeting of prominent personalities on August 6 to discuss the question of the merger of Ajmer-Merwara. Mr. H. V. R. Iengar, Secretary to the Home Ministry, Government of India, will preside.

SIX MILLS TO CLOSE SHIFTS

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, July 28: While Bombay's Supply Minister Dinkerrao Desai is talking of decontrol of cloth and a virtual tug-of-war is going on between the Government and the commercial community, six more textile mills have given notice of stopping their day shifts and night shifts. This will throw out of job over 3,000 workers from various dates next month.

The mills concerned are Hutheesing, City, Rajnagar Nos. 1 and 2, Nagri and Gujerat Hosiery mills.

Accumulation of bales of finished cloth is still heavy.

Counterfeit Coin Mint Unearthed

BROACH, July 28 (PTI): A mint for counterfeiting coins was unearthed by the police from Nikore village near Broach.

A goldsmith was caught in the house of a tailor with 150 counterfeit coins, alleged to have been made there.

Three persons have been arrested in this connection.

ABOLITION OF TALUKDARI

Deputation To Bombay Government

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, July 28.

A deputation of talukdars of Gujrat is to wait on the Government of Bombay to place before them the grievances in connection with the Government decision to abolish the talukdari system. The deputation will be led by the Thakore Saheb of Kerbala.

Congressman To Go On Fast

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, July 28.

Mr. Ravjibhai Patel, Secretary of the Gujrat Provincial Congress Committee and President of the Kaira District Congress, has gone on a three-day fast on the issue of the Borsad villages being taken over to the Bhadrana district. It is reported that he will soon meet Bombay Ministers on this issue.

JUDY GARLAND

"THE PIRATE"

At Metro

Gorgeous settings, lavish costumes, and good music highlight the screen version of S. N. Behrman's Broadway hit, "The Pirate" to be released at the Metro. With Judy Garland and Gene Kelly combining in the stellar roles, the picture provides many musical and dance hits.

It is a Caribbean Island romance, with Judy playing the role of a romantic Spanish maiden, planning to fall in love with an adventurous pirate, Black Macoco. Gene Kelly, a strolling player comes her way and makes her believe that he is the pirate of her dreams. He manages to silence the real pirate, Slezak by sheer blackmail. The local police catch up with Kelly but he evades punishment by tricking Slezak into a confession. Thereafter, the story goes the usual way—Judy and Kelly living happily ever after.

Director Vincente Minnelli and Producer Arthur Freed have combined to make the picture a delightful musical extravaganza.

Foreign Films For This Week

"THE LADY GAMBLES"

At The Strand

"The Lady Gambles" probes the secret mind of a woman to find the baffling answer to why she wrecks her life on the roulette and dice tables. It is a fascinating photoplay, told with deep emotion and presented excitingly. The role of the neurotic gambler is a made-to-order for Barbara Stanwyck, who gives the portrayal everything of her brilliant acting resources. It is a Stanwyck film that will be remembered along with her best ones, such as "Sorry, Wrong Number" and "Stella Dallas."

Robert Preston reaches dramatic heights as Miss Stanwyck's husband who tries desperately to save her from going off the deep end and throwing their money and happiness away.

Stephen McNally gives a solid performance, sharp as a knife, in portraying the gambling big shot who loves Miss Stanwyck.

Another outstanding player is Edith Barrett, as Miss Stanwyck's clinging vine sister.

In the story, Miss Stanwyck becomes addicted to gambling when she comes to Las Vegas with Preston, a Chicago newspaperman doing an article on the Hoover Dam (Boulder Dam). He leaves her in a Mexican village after she becomes hopelessly lost to the wagering fever. The film has a happy ending though, when wife and husband get together again.

Michael Gordon does a fine job of direction on "The Lady Gambles." His shading of characterisation and staging of dramatic moments are tops in screen story telling. Michael Kraike served as producer.

Barbara Stanwyck and Stephen McNally in "The Lady Gambles."

WHAT'S WHERE in Bombay

REGAL:
Walt Disney's "Melody Time".

NEW EMPIRE:
"Champion" starring Ruth Roman Marilyn Maxwell, Lola Albright, Paul Stewart and Arthur Kennedy.

METRO:
"The Pirate" starring Gene Kelly, Judy Garland, Walter Slezak, Glady's Cooper, Reginald Owen.

PALACE:
"The Black Arrow" starring Louis Hayward, Janet Blair.

AURORA:
"Kiss the Blood Off My Hands" starring Burt Lancaster, Joan Fontaine.

BANDRA:
"The Sea Hawk".

STRAND:
"The Lady Gambles" starring Barbara Stanwyck, Robert Preston.

LIBERTY:
Sunday, July 31, 10-30 a.m.: French film, "Fievres".

The Third International Film Festival will be held at Cannes (France) from September 2 to 17 with a view to encourage cinematographic art in all its forms and to create and maintain a spirit of co-operation between all countries which produce films.

A jury of 12 will award eight prizes for full length films.

Australia, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Israel, Canada, Spain, the United States, Great Britain, Mexico, Poland and Czechoslovakia are some of the participants.

"CHAMPION"

At The New Empire

For more than thirty years Ring Lardner's short story, "Champion", has remained a challenge to the screen. It has been numbered among the classics labelled "too difficult to handle." Only recently Stanley Kramer, head of Screen Plays, Inc., decided to take his courage in his hands and transfer this remarkably tough, vital story to the screen, with Kirk Douglas in the title role, Arthur Kennedy in the role of his crippled brother, Connie, and Marilyn Maxwell, Ruth Roman and Lola Albright as the three women in his life.

Tensely emotional and cruelly realistic, "Champion" tells the story of Midge Kelly, handsome and ruthless, a king among fighters and a wrecker of other peoples' lives, in his unrelenting drive to the top. The three women in his life, the men who pluck him virtually from the gutter and rise him to fame and fortune, are left forever with the sordid bruises caused by contact with this idol of an adoring public. No one who knows him escapes uninjured.

Carl Foreman wrote the screen play for "Champion" with Mark Robson directing. Robert Stillman served as associate producer, Dimitri Tiomkin, famed musical composer was signed to a unique contract at Screen Plays, calling for him to compose and conduct the score of "Champion."

As for the completely realistic fight sequences, former welter-weight champ Mushy Callaghan was brought in by Producer Kramer to see that all details were carefully worked out before screening took place. He also trained star Kirk Douglas. Several professional pugilists were also signed on by the producer to play in preliminary fight sequences in the film.

Top featured players in "Champion" include Paul Stewart, Harry Shannon and Luis Van Rooten.

"MELODY TIME"

At The Regal

Walt Disney's "Melody Time", in colour by Technicolor presents an exciting kaleidoscope of musical fantasy, cued to uproarious fun, romantic recollection, whimsical burlesque and a succession of colourful thrills.

Seven separate sequences of fact and fable include two popular items of Americana—the adventures of Pecos Bill and the story of Johnny Appleseed, contrasting episodes that delightfully maintain the robust spirit of early folklore.

Additional musical myths are unfolded in Disney's good humour and vivid colour in this galaxy of individual classics. Musically and pictorially dramatized are Little Toot, Bumble Boogie, Once Upon a Wintertime, Trees and Blame It on the Sambs. Top favourites of film, radio and the stage combine their talents in the rhythmic romp. Seen and heard performing are Roy Rogers, his horse Trigger, Sons of the Pioneers, Ethel Smith, Bobby Driscoll and Luana Patten. Heard in background renditions are Frances Langford, The Andrews Sisters, Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians, Freddy Martin and Jack Fina and the Dinning Sisters. Donald Duck, Jose Carioca and the frantic Aracuan Bird, sturdy Disney characters, insinuate their personalities in a hilarious moment of movie magic in competition with Ethel Smith at the organ. A number of hit melodies furnish the musical background and moods for the several stories, with Buddy Clark serving as vocal master of ceremonies. "Melody Times" comes to its public as a superlative specimen of Disneyana.

A walloping scene from "Champion" at the New Empire.

MAKING ATOM SERVE MAN

Prospects Bright, Says Dr. Dalal

BOMBAY, Thursday (P.T.I.): The peacetime uses of atomic energy are as significant as its war-time uses as a frightful weapon of destruction, Dr. Navinkumar Dalal, an Indian physicist who recently returned from Germany, said here today.

Dr. Dalal, who was addressing the Staff Club of the Associated Cement Companies here, on "Atomic energy—its peacetime uses", said that the prospects of harnessing atomic energy in the service of men was bright. "The world's best brains in the field of scientific and industrial research are working on it", Dr. Dalal added.

Dr. Dalal's lecture was illustrated with the latest filmstrip of the United States Information Service on atomic energy.

Current atomic energy research, Dr. Dalal said, was mainly concentrated on the use of radio-active isotopes for medical, industrial and agricultural purposes. The Oak Ridge Laboratories in the United States, were now producing 175 different stable and radio-active isotopes for research in industrial, medical and agricultural purposes.

Nearly 22 nations were listed for supply of these isotopes of which 19 were to shortly receive some of the istopes, mainly for cancer research Dr. Dalal said.

Truman Accused Of Throwing

KEY TO WORLD PEACE IN THE BOTTOM OF THE PACIFIC!

No Policy Towards China

HAMILTON, New York, July 28 (UPA).

GOVERNOR THOMAS DEWEY accused the Truman Administration of throwing the key to world peace "into the bottom of the Pacific", because of its "no policy at all" toward China.

In a speech prepared for the Colgate University Foreign Policy Conference, Dewey said on Thursday that all is not lost with the Nationalist forces, if the United States offers immediate and continuing aid. He said that the United States has won an "uneasy stalemate" in Europe through Marshall Plan aid. He asked, "What is to be done about China? I know and you know there is no simple answer, but you and I know equally well that there can be neither excuse nor reason for the timidity and muddle-headedness on the part of our Government in attempting a solution. Surely, we must have a policy and the will to cary it out, and surely our present habit of no policy at all must go."

NO INTEREST

Dewey recalled that Congress voted an 18,000,000 dollar appropriation for the Nationalist Government shortly after he demanded more aid for China in November 1947. "Last year further appropriations were made, but our Government has shown no real interest in China and instead, it administers a contemptuous rebuff each time a despairing appeal is made by any leaders of her government", he said.

Dewey added that China, an ally in World War II, fared worse at American hands than Japan, which is now being reconstructed with United States funds. He cautioned against the prospect of rebuilding Western Europe "if Asia is in chaos."

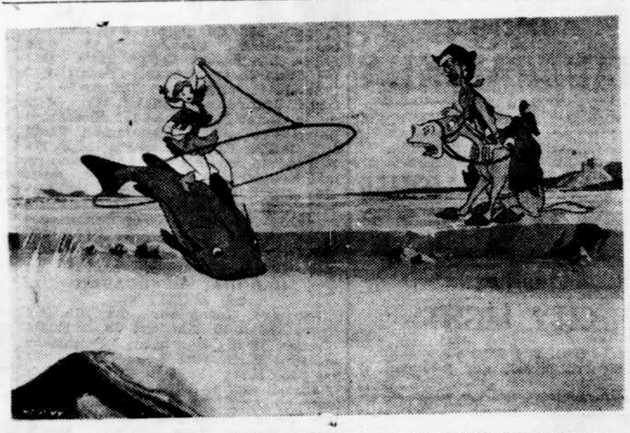
He predicted that if all China should go Communist, Indo-China, Siam, Malaya and Burma would follow.

That, he said, would bring the Communists within easy reach of Middle East oil supplies. "Without oil, the survival of Europe would be even more precarious than it is today," he continued.

A BILLION LOST

Dewey pointed out that while saving 270,000,000 Europeans the United States may be losing 1,000,000,000 Asians to the Communists.

He asked, "Is this important? It seems to me to be the key to world peace and we have thrown it into the bottom of the Pacific."



BOY MEETS GIRL.—The first meeting between Pecos Bill, fabulous cowboy of the Western plains, and Sluefoot Sue, his dynamic cowgirl heart interest, is one of the highpoints of this famous Western legend, told in Walt Disney's latest musical feature, "Melody Time". With the Sons of The Pioneers giving him an assist, Roy Rogers tells this hilarious saga to Bobby Driscoll and Luana Patten in the RKO Radio release with colour by Technicolor, a fantasy comprised of seven delightful tales.

Citizenship Of Indians Overseas

Amendment To Draft Constitution Welcomed

SINGAPORE, July 28 (P.T.I): Sirdar Budh Singh, President of the Malayan Indian Congress today welcomed the amendments proposed to India's draft constitution by the Drafting Committee of the Constituent Assembly conferring Indian citizenship on overseas Indians whose grand parents were born in India.

Mr. Budh Singh told K. N. Ramanathan, Press Trust of India Correspondent, that during his recent visit to India he had discussed the question with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and other leaders in the Constituent Assembly. On his return to Malaya, Indian opinion here was consulted at a special conference convened by the Malayan Indian Congress and its views communicated to the Government.

Mr. Budh Singh said he was glad the Drafting Committee of the Constituent Assembly had more or less accepted these views.

SOFT CORNER FOR MOTHER INDIA

Mr. R. Jumabhoy, Member of the Singapore Legislative Council and ex-President of the Indian Chamber of Commerce and Indian Association said overseas Indians were quite satisfied with the attitude of Mother Country in extending citizenship to grandsons of those born in India.

Though they had been for many decades away from India, overseas Indians always had a "soft corner" for the Mother Country and they were grateful for this extension of citizenship.

PAK-FRENCH TRADE AGREEMENT

KARACHI, July 28, (UPI): A French Embassy spokesman stated here today that Pakistan and France were now preparing lists of their requirements on the basis of which a trade treaty could be evolved between the two countries.

It may be recalled that an official French Mission is visiting Karachi this autumn to negotiate a trade agreement between France and Pakistan.

PAKISTAN'S ANTI-T.B. PROGRAMME

KARACHI, (UPA): Norwegian and Danish specialists have arrived in Karachi to help initiate Pakistan's anti-tuberculosis vaccination programme.

Dr. Winger Anderson and Dr. Reetsgaard, aided by two Norwegian and two Dannish nurses, will train Pakistani doctors and nurses for conducting tests and vaccinations in schools dispensaries and other public centres throughout East and West Pakistan.

The nationwide anti-tuberculosis vaccination programme is being conducted in conjunction with the International Tuberculosis Campaign.

NEED TO BUILD UP CHARACTER

Golwalkar's Plea To Students

NAGPUR, July 28 (P.T.I): Mr. M. S. Golwalkar, chief of the R.S.S., said here today: "Until we build up character as a nation, we cannot hope to raise the glory of this ancient land in the comity of nations".

Mr. Golwalkar, who was replying at a reception accorded to him by the Nagpur University Union, added that this task was so stupendous that the country today needed the service of zealous young workers who would, by their own example, impress upon the people to sub-ordinate their selfish interest to the larger national interests of the country.

RIOTING CHARGE AGAINST DETENUS

BANARAS, July 27. (PTI): The police have filed cases against 25 Communist detenus lodged in the Banaras Central Jail for rioting and assaulting the jail staff.

The detenus on the night of July 6 pelted the jail staff with brickbats and the authorities had to resort to lathi charge for restoring peace. The additional district magistrate conducted the enquiry into the incident.

BRITISH STUDENTS TO VISIT INDIA

A Study Tour

LONDON (By Radio).—To give British students more opportunities of studying conditions in Asian countries, two Cambridge undergraduates—J. M. Rowlands and I. S. Gordon Brown—have put forward an interesting scheme for "student travel to India and Pakistan."

The plan, intended as the prototype of others covering practically all Asia and eventually including not only British but continental European students, is published in book form by the International Student Service, London.

Under the plan it is proposed to send by air 42 British under-graduates during their summer vacation next year—21 for India and 21 for Pakistan. On arrival each party will be joined by a similar number of Indians or Pakistanis and by 21 other Asians. Each party of 63 will then be split into three sub-groups of 21 who will proceed to study some particular aspect of life in the country concerned. On completion of the tours the groups will rejoin and compare reports.

The scheme has been worked out in very great detail for India. Later, if the India plan proves acceptable, the authors promise a similar scheme for Pakistan.—L.P.S.

REFUGEE PROBLEM ON WAR FOOTING

East Punjab's Example

BOMBAY, Thursday (U.P.I.): "We have taken the refugees problem in East Punjab on a war footing, and for this purpose we have set-up a emergency cabinet of three ministers, including the Prime Minister, as its head," observed Lt. Colonel Jogindra Singh Mann, Minister for Relief and Rahabilitation, East Punjab Government, while addressing the representatives of Sindhi refugees, in Kalyan relief camps, this morning.

Sardar Jogindar Singh, who is now in Bombay on a two day visit, went round the Mulund and Kalyan refugee camps this morning to see for himself the conditions under which the refugees from West Pakistan are living in various camps in this province. He also paid a visit to the Nari Seva Sadan at Kurla.

Giving his impressions of the tour of the various refugee camps in Bombay, Sardar Jogindra Singh said that he was glad to find the refugees living in peace and amity and pursuing their respective avocations. "I cannot but admire and appreciate the fortitude with which the refugees have struggled so long without proving burden to the local people," he added.

NEW TECHNIQUE IN OPERATIONS

Indian Doctors To Bring Home New Ideas

LONDON (By Radio).—Dr. C. A. Amesur, one of the Indian delegates to the International Congress of Otolaryngology, now meeting in London, will be returning home with a number of new ideas, especially in regard to the fenestration operation for deafness for which a completely new technique has been developed in Britain.

Dr. Amesur, who is the President of the Association of Otolaryngologists of India, said that the inter-change of experiences at the Congress was most fruitful.

Another Indian delegate, Dr. Miss C. M. Leelavathi (of Madras) spoke of her visit to Britain as a revelation of British medical and hospital efficiency. She was especially interested in British medical films. Dr. Leelavathi intends to stay on after the conference in order to complete a post-graduate course and will be returning to India early next year.—L.P.S.

PATIALA, July 27. (PTI): A committee of four non-official members, nas been set up by the Patiala and East Punjab States Union Government to examine the revenue assessments in different parts of the union.

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Details Of Restriction On Racing News

MADRAS GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT

MADRAS, July 27 (P.T.I.).

IN pursuance of their decision to ban betting on race horses, the Madras Government has today announced details of restriction on the publication of racing news. The announcement stated, that in regard to horse races within the province of Madras, any newspaper may contain the following information:

(A) The number of meetings: Scale and rates of entry fees, summary of races, summary of stakes money; racing fixtures, names of horses as contained in the entries; handicaps, acceptances and scratchings: except weights of horses, number, time and distance of each race; names of owners, and trainers of such horses; names of jockeys with their colours for each event or double or treble event; name of the plate or cup for which the horse is entered, handicapped and finally accepted, the number of the double and treble events, and results of the races held on the day or on the day previous.

The rules further define the information that the following publications may contain:

(B). **THE PROSPECTUS:** The names of the stewards of the race club, number of meetings, scale of entry fees, summary of races, summary of prizes, stable rules, racing fixtures, distance for each race, and general conditions of the races.

THE ENTRIES: The names and other particulars of the horses, their owners and trainers.

HANDICAPS: The names of horses running in the races for the particular day, and their weights; and prizes and distance for each race. The acceptance and scratchings may contain details about the races, the horses left in, and finally accepted to run in the races, with the time and order of racing.

THE OFFICIAL RACE BOOK, OR THE RACE BOOK ISSUED BY OR UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE RACE CLUB: The names of stewards and officials of the meetings, rates of daily and season tickets for all enclosures; rules of admission; rules and conditions of betting; particulars of the working of the electric totalisator for single, double or treble events; either for win or place, notices about the races, names of horses, number, time and distance of each race, double or treble events, the name of the plate or cup, the time, the prize amount, the class of race, distance, and names of horses, their owners, trainers, jockeys with their colours and other particulars in respect of each race; spurts; Track and gallop notes of horses, together with their timings, history of horses; tips; the results of the previous meetings for the season with an index of results; statics of winnings by trainers and jockeys.

PANDIT NEHRU'S ADVICE TELLS

Madras Government To Reconsider Betting On Race Horses

MADRAS, July 28 (PTI): The Madras Premier, Mr. P. S. Kumaraswami Raja in a talk to pressmen today indicated the possibility of the Madras Cabinet reconsidering its attitude on the question of betting on horse racing.

Asked whether the Government would enforce betting on horses from next year in view of Pandit Nehru's reported advice to the Provincial Governments not to rush with such reforms, Mr. Kumaraswami Raja stated "we have received a communication from the Race Club authorities on the subject and it will be considered by the Cabinet. I cannot foresee the Cabinet's decision on the matter."

Following the enactment of legislation banning betting on horses, the Madras Government issued a notification prohibiting betting on horses throughout the province from April next year.

The Government has been deriving a revenue of about Rs. 20,00,000/- (Twenty Lakhs) annually from the betting tax.

ALYCIDON TRIUMPHS IN GOODWOOD CUP

GOODWOOD, (Sussex) July 28 (PTI-Reuter): Lord Derby's Alycidon won the Goodwood Cup runover 2 miles 5 furlongs here this afternoon. Sir Percy Loraine's Riding Mill was second and Lord Derby's Stockbridge third.

Five ran.

The betting was thirty to one hundred Alycidon (favourite); five to one against Riding Mill; one nundred to one against Stockbridge.

Alycidon won by two lengths, while twelve lengths separated the second and third horses.

Garter Club did not run.

WILLIE PEP LEAVES HOSPITAL

Title Bout With Eddie Compo To Come Off After Doctor's Advice

CONNECTICUT, July 28 (PTI-Reuter): Willie Pep who was to have defended his world featherweight title tonight, has been discharged from hospital, Pep's 15-round title bout with Eddie Compo, of New Haven, was idenfinitely postponed last Saturday when the champion entered the hospital for an operation for hemorrhoids.

The promoter of the contest Rocco Mara, reported that Pep was feeling fine when he left the hospital. He added that the champion expected to learn from his doctor within 48 hours when he could resume training, and a new date for the fight would be announced then.

In the Day's Sport

FOOTBALL
Cooperage

5-45 p.m. Bombay Gymkhana vs. St. Francis Goans (First Division Harwood League).

St. Xavier's College Ground, Parel.

4-30 p.m. B.B. and C.I. 'B' vs. Block Dynamos; 5-40 p.m. Volkarts vs. Matunga Athletic.

G.I.P. Railway Ground, Parel.

5-30 p.m. St. Sebastian's "A" vs. St. Xavier's "A" (Fifth Division Harwood League).

TABLE-TENNIS
P. V. M. Gymkhana.

5 p.m. First and Second Round of Upper Half of Women's Doubles.

6 p.m. First and Second Round of Lower Half of Women's Doubles. (P. V. M. Open Table Tennis Tournament.)

BADMINTON
Bandra Gymkhana

5.4 p.m. Suburban Open Tournament.

YARDLEY'S UNBEATEN CENTURY

Yorkshire Pass Tourists' Score

SHEFFIELD, July 28 (PTI-Reuter): An unbeaten century by Yardley enabled Yorkshire to score 312 runs against the New Zealand first innings score of 261—just 51 runs ahead; New Zealand going in to bat scored 42 for the loss of Sutcliffe's wicket only.

Yorshire continued their first innings against the New Zealand cricket tourists here today in fine weather on a good wicket. In reply to the New Zealanders total of 261, Yorkshire carried the overnight score of 21 for no wicket to 45 for one in the first half hour. Hutton added six to his overnight score before being bowled by Cave.

Overnight rain made no difference to the pitch and conditions were idle for Hutton and Lowson but the batsmen were kept on the defensive for nearly half an hour and with eighteen runs added today, Cave knocked back Hutton's leg stump at thirty-nine.

The rate of scoring was painfully slow and Yorkshire took an hour and half to reach fifty.

Watson was bowled at 63 and five runs later Donnelly took a well judged catch near the boundary to dismiss Lester.

Keighly slightly lifted his right foot in playing forward defensively at seventy-four and Mooney stumped him in a flash.

When lunch was taken Lowson had batted for two hours and forty minutes in all.

Yardley who had completed his fifty in 100 minutes reached his first century of the season in two hours and three quarters. He was undefeated when the innings closed having hit fourteen fours. His effort was the inspiration for the lead of 60 which Yorkshire secured on first innings.

Left with only fifty minutes to bat New Zealand scored 42 for the loss of Sutcliffe's wicket.

SCORE BOARD

NEW ZEALAND (1st Innings) 261.

YORKSHIRE (1st Innings): Hutton b Cave 28; Lowson lbw Burke 39; Watson b Sutcliffe 9; Lester c Donnelly b Cresswell 0; Keighley st. Mooney b Cresswell 2; Yardley not out 134; Close c Cave b Rabone 51; Wardle c Cave b Sutcliffe 11; Whitehead st. Mooney b Burke 19; Brennan c Cresswell b Burke 4; Trueman (absent hurt); Extras 24. Total 312 all out.

BOWLING ANALYSIS: Cresswell 43-8-102-2; Cave 32-8-66-1; Rabone 11-2-34-1; Burke 16.1-2-57-3; Sutcliffe 16-7-33-2; Smith 1-0-5-0.

NEW ZEALAND (2nd Innings): Sutcliffe c Hutton b Whitehead 15; Scott not out 25; Burke not out 1; Extras 1, Total (for one wicket) 42.

POONA RACING SEASON COMMENCES TOMORROW

Acceptances For The Opening Day

FOONA, July 28, (P.T.I.): The following are the acceptances for the First Day of Poona Summer Meeting to be held on Saturday, July 29:—

THE NERAL PLATE (Div. III)—6 Furlongs.

Heartbreaker 8-12, Big Boss 8-12, Rajaji 8-12, Botticelli 8-12, Stoney 8-12 Tawaqul 8-12, Indian Gem 8-12, Havana 8-12, Purat 8-12, Little Star 8-12 Tarahua 8-12, Pretty Town 8-12, Leader 8-12.

THE G. V. SHENDE PLATE—1 Mile

Gwalior Express 9-4, Bentex 9-1, Parwin 8-9, Prove It 8-7, Magic Love 8-4, Midinette 8-2, Gurjari 8-2, Phone Again 7-10, Marvel 7-6.

THE NERAL PLATE (Div. II)—6 Furlongs.

Basilian 8-12, Rustum 8-12, Mansoor Beg 8-12, Thunderer 8-12, Bara Mulla 8-12, Marhaba 8-12, Loyal Prince 8-12, Fox Trot 8-12, Pelion 8-12, Mack 8-12 Malabar Star 8-12, Triple Aliance 8-12 Pessimist 8-12.

THE BHOPAL PLATE (Div. I)—7 Furlongs.

Aflatoon 9-0, Salta 8-12, Courage 8-12 Play On 8-12, Sweetie Shah 8-9, Ayaaz 8-9, Kalpna 8-7, Gentle Whisper 8-5, Queen of Gwalior 8-1, Rival 8-1.

THE NERAL PLATE (Div. I)—6 Furlongs.

Bihari 8-12, Poldo 8-12, Chand Chakor 8-12, Parker Prince 8-12, Lerins 8-12, Summer Lightning 8-12, Lira Malt 8-12, Pick Pocket 8-12, Reshone 8-12, Nea Hellas 8-12, Shah Fredoon 8-12.

THE BHOPAL PLATE (Div. II)—7 Furlongs.

Bashir 9-4, Shivaji 9-1, Deuce of Clubs 9-1, Bold Bandit 8-10, Spring Chicken 8-9, Shah Nawaz 8-9, Your Majesty 8-9, Hikmet 8-9, Mah-I-Nau 8-8, Show On 8-7, Star Saphire 8-7, King's Star 8-6.

THE LONI PLATE (Div. I.)—6 Furlongs.

Hercules 9-2, Merry Windsor 9-2, Sweetest Desire 8-13, Tamanna 8-10, Magic Hour 8-9, Untamed Prince 8-7, Army and Navy 8-7, Gipsy Bill 8-6, Celeste 8-4, anzavat 7-6, Mayfair Lady 7-4.

THE LONI PLATE (Div. I)—6 Furlongs.

Dashera 9-0, Prince of Mahad 8-12, Mirella 8-11, The Girl Friend 8-11, Gang Bhup 8-9, Vagabond Queen 8-8 Magnificent 8-6, Who Knows 8-5, Riviera 8-5, Adorable 8-4, Navroze 8-4, Blue Arrow 8-3, Lizalee 8-1.

Prince Of Mahal And Lerius Figure Impiessively

The following are the pick of the track-trials from Poona:—

THE GIRL FRIEND (Hanuman) disposed of convincingly GREAT LADY (R.B.) when covering six furlongs in 1 min. 22½ secs.

LERINS (Uttam) and HAVANA (Duffy) covered six furlongs from 9 to 3 in 1 min. 23 secs. The first named was well in hand.

SPRING CHICKEN (Khalil), DINKIE (R. Mulla) and MALABAR STAR (Kadam) negotiated six furlongs in 1 min. 20½ secs. The first named was easily better.

MERRY WINDSOR (B. Khade) moved in front of WHIRL WIND (R.B.) when covering six furlongs from 9 to 3 in 1 min 23½ secs.

MEDALLION (Chavan) moved well in hand in front of BENTEX (Guman) when covering six furlongs from 9 to 3 in 1 min. 24 secs.

PRINCE OF MAHAD (Hanuman) put a smashing display, beating GAME BID (R.B.). He clocked 1 min. 20½ secs. for six furlongs.

TAMANNA (Antoo), BARA MULLA (G. Chavan) and GOLD RIBBON (Kheem) negotiated six furlongs in 1 min. 24 secs.

PRETTY TOWN (R.B.) and LUMINARY (Ganpat Singh) took 1 min. 24 secs. for a six furlongs trip. They were not seriously pressed.

SPARKLING STAR (K. Hassan) and TRIPLE ALLIANCE (R.B.) were engaged in a moderate display over six furlongs. Timing 1 min. 23 secs.

MARHABA (Kheem), COOL AND COLLECTED (Antoo) and TAWAQUL (G. Chavan) were placed in the order mentioned when negotiating six furlongs in 1 min. 23 secs.

RUSTOM (Khade) showed the way to GIPSY BILL (Guman) when sent over six furlongs from 9 to 3. The pair recorded 1 min. 22 secs. First named is in fine fettle.

BROKEN MASK (Purtu) held ON AND ON (Magan) when covering seven furlongs in 1 min. 37 secs.

ADORABLE (R.B.) had the measure RAJAJI (Shaikh) when worked over six furlongs. Timing 1 min. 22 secs. Latter is working fit.

UNTAMED PRINCE (R.B.) was not extended when making a six furlongs trip in 1 min. 23 secs. He is one for the note-book.

ILLICIT (Argade) was speedier than LIRA MALT (Cunningham) when covering five furlongs from 8 to 3 in 1 min. 7 secs. Lira Mault is likely to score early at Poona.

QUEEN OF GWALIOR (Kasbekar) was too good for SHAH NAWAZ (Deshmukh) when covering six furlongs in 1 min. 20½ secs.

BAVAJI (A. Ahmed) outstrode MISS PRESTIGE (R.B.) when negotiating six furlongs in 1 min. 22 secs.

SINGHGARH (Kasbekar) was better than GWALIOR EXPRESS (Deshmukh) when recording 1 min. 51 secs for a mile. Either of them can win on the opening day.

CELESTE (Ghaus Khan), NAVROZE (Shaikh) and DESERT KNIGHT (Hayyat) covered five furlongs in 1 min. 7 secs.

MAH-I-NAU (Duffy) gave the beating to BASHIR (R.B.) when sent over five furlongs from 8 to 3. They made the journey in 1 min. 7 secs.

BOLD BANDIT (Dashrat) was speedier than PLAY ON (Khade) when exercised over five furlongs from 8 to 3. Timing 1 min. 6 secs.

WHO KNOWS (R. B.) disposed of PRESIDENT (R.B.) when covering six furlongs in 1 min. 21 secs.

MUSAFIR (G. Chavan), CHAND CHAKOR (Kheem) and DEUCE OF CLUBS (Antoo) moved over six furlongs in 1 min. 22½. Talib has the trio trimmed well and they will shine at Poona.

YOUR MAJESTY (Khade) PARKER PRINCE (Dashrat) and Companion (Dashrat) did a noteworthy six furlongs trial from 9 to 3 in 1 min. 22 secs.

SURPRISE DEFEAT OF MISS DUBASH

Mild Sensation In Men's Doubles In Badminton

BOMBAY, Thursday

Almost all the matches planned out according to the expectation in Suburban Badminton.

There was nowhere a mild sensation in men's doubles match in which L. R. Pereira and M. Miranda accounted for Jolly Fernandes and L. DeSouza. There was however notning outstanding in the match as the loser's went down rather tamely, but full credit must be given to Levi Pereira for giving a fine exhibition of doubles game.

Another match worthy of note is that in which Vasumati Oak beat Homai Dubash, a well-known local player in straight sets. Miss Dubash looked hopelessly out of practice, but full credit must given to Miss Oak for giving out her best at the very time it was needed. Miss Oak won the first game over extra points but in the second she ran through, conceding only one point to her opponent.

In another match Miss Betty Farias accounted for Mrs. B. Castellino in straight sets. In this match spectators were treated with simplest possible Badminton, as neither of the two has anything outstanding in the game. Mrs. Castellino who appeared again after a lapse of one year, found lacking in stamina and though she scored 8 points in the second set, that was as far as she could go.

Mrs. Lucis had a very easy match against Miss Om Kacker whom she beat 11-0, 11-0.

Three of the two mixed doubles matches were decided by a walk over, and the other match is postponed for to-morrow.

The following were the results:—

Ladies' Singles

Miss Betty Farias beat Mrs. Beila Castellino 11-4 11-8; Mrs. Nobhina Lewis beat Miss Om Kacker 11-1 11-0; Miss Vasumati Oak beat Miss Homai Dubash 12-10 11-1.

Men's Doubles

D. G. Mugwe and B. V. Ullal beat S. R. Shah and A. Moses 15-6 15-3; C. D. Dias and Mendonca v.o Prabhakar and another; P. S. Nilkanth and B. R. Agaskar beat P. T. Bhide and V. Fernandes 15-0 15-7; L. R. Pereira and M. Miranda beat T. Fernandes and L. DeSouza 15-11 15-2; H. Ferreira and H. K. Talyarkhan beat B. V. Sirset and S. C. Patel 15-0 15-9; G. Lewis and M. N. Desai beat J. Merchant and F. Suares 15-0 15-0.

Men's Singles

H. Ferreira beat A. P Miranda 15-2 15-3.

Men's Doubles

B. V. Ullal and D. G. Mugwe beat C. D. Dias and Mendonca 15-5 15-6.

Mixed Doubles

G. Lewis and Mrs. N. Lewis w. o. Prabhakar and another; B. V. Ullal and Partner vs. D. Kumble and another (postponed); S. S Suri and another w.o. B. D. Shroff and another.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES

At the Bandra Gymkhana:

4-30 p.m. K. J. Nacwekar vs. A. Parekh.

4-50 p.m. B. V. Trivedi vs. S. T Shah

5-10 p.m. J. Desai vs. A. Patel.

5-30 p.m. M. G. Patvawkar vs S. D. Desai.

5-50 p.m. A. R. Guzdar vs. D. D. Karani.

6-10 p.m. T. Lefeoour and another vs. S. S. Parulekar and another.

6-30 p.m. A. K. Talyarkhan and Miss P. Shroff vs. T. Manadevan and Miss Om Kacker.

6-50 p.m. O. Alver and another vs. C. P. Shirke and Miss S. Nigudkar.

7-10 p.m. M. N. Desai and Miss M. Antia vs. C. L. DeSovsa and Miss K. Bharucha.

7-30 p.m. P. S. Nilkanth and another vs. P. M. Nadkarni and Miss H. Mehta.

7-50 p.m. W. Gomms and another vs. C. T. DeSouza and Miss K. Athaide

8-10 p.m. T. Fernandes and another vs. G. Fernandes and Mrs C. Castellino

8-30 p.m. M. K. Bhopardikar and M. S. Patil vs. C. J. DeSouza and A. Athaide.

B. V. Ullal and Partner vs. D. Kumble and Partner.

ASSAM TEAM FOR SANTOSH TROPHY

GAUHATI, July 27 (PTI) The Assam team to play against Bihar in the Santosh Trophy Inter-Provincial Football Tournament in Calcutta on July Thirty-one has been selected as follows:

J. Choudhury (Captain), Dhiren Singh, S. Das Gupta, U. Das, Dennis Dunn, Preswell, N. Amin, A. Ghosh, P. Neog, N. Guha, A. Kar, S. Sinapati, R. Dey, N. Choudhury and G. Mukherjee

SAVITT BEATS AMPON

SOUTHAMPTON, July 28, (UPA):— Richard Savitt today defeated the Philippines' Felicissimo Ampon, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1, in the round before the quarter finals of the Southampton Tennis tournament.

Former Middleweight Champion Passes Away

GLENDALE, California, July 28, (U. P.A.):— Vince Dundee, 41, former Middleweight Boxing Champion, died here today after a seven year illness of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, the same malady that killed baseball star Lou Gehrig.

Dundee defeated Len Harvey of England, then European Middleweight Champion in New York in 1931, lost a 12 round decision to Marcel Thil of France in Paris and fought Jack Hood to a draw in London the same year.

Move To Evacuate Canton

HONG KONG, July 28 (PTI-Reuter) The Chinese Nationalist Government is preparing to evacuate Canton, according to Chinese reports reaching here to-day.

RAILWAY DISAPPOINT AGAINST AMATEURS

Replayed Senior Division Harwood League Match

BOMBAY, Thursday.

BOMBAY amateurs conceded nothing to G.I.P. Railway and triumphed by three goals to nil. The first twenty minutes provided the Railway with a set back from which they tried to recover but in vain. This encounter was a replayed game in the First Division of the Harwood League second round match which was abandoned on a previous occasion due to bad light.

The Railway were not themselves this evening and mainly due to a very nervous goalkeeper and a deep defence that failed miserably they were thrown out of gear as a team and their scoring chances thereafter were wasted. Of course, some bad luck also was influential in keeping their scoring blank.

After a series of raids on the Railway goal in which the Railway custodian, Ramchander was not quite at home, Amateurs scored through Y. M. Mendon when he accepted a loose pass drove the ball in between both the deep defenders.

Eight minutes later, Ramchander committed another grave blunder when after collecting a feeble shot from Laxman the Amateurs outside right, in order to avoid Roy who was tackling him he moved beyond goal line and Roy claimed a goal. Referee Panton consulted Swami, who was linesman and awarded the Amateurs a goal.

In the space of another five minutes the Amateurs added their third goal when Rao centred hard across the goalmouth and Survana headed to Laxman, who took a first time from close into beat Ramchander all ends up.

The Railwaymen tried to recover from this serious setback but even dame fortune was against them. Tambe tried a shot from close in but it just sailed over the cross bar Shiva made a powerful kick but Bhoja collected well. A free kick taken by E. Duncan also sailed over the bar.

Then came a series of very narrow escapes Tambe got the cross bar and the ball rebounded into play, Tully headed but it sailed over the cross bar. Once again Bhickoo centred and Tully headed but Bhoja pushed it over the post at the expense of a corner which proved otherwise.

On resumption the Railway went back to their old forward line combination of Michael and Bhickoo playing outer and Tambe coming to centre forward position. Tully and Shiva were inners. Both goals were visited but with no effect. Amateurs were being hard pressed but their defence and goalie were sound.

The Railway failed even to make use of a penalty kick awarded against D M. Mendon fouling Bhickoo inside the box. Shiva took the kick and shot straight into Bhoja, the ball rebounded into play and Shiva tried another shot but it was cleared by a defender.

Amateurs won by three goals to nil their replayed second round match which was abandoned last week due to bad light.

The teams:—

BOMBAY AMATEURS:— Bhoja: D. M. Mendon,, Puthran: Banjera, Uchil, Aithappa; Laxman, Survana, Roy, Y. M. Mendon, Rao.

GIP RLY:— Ramchander: Pavey, Eagle; A. Duncan, B. Duncan, Almeida; M. D'Souza, Tully, Tambe, Shiva, Bhickoo.

Referee: L. L. Panton.

Earlier, the Karnatak Sports Club beat Jai Hind Football Club by the odd goal in three in the Karnatak Football League played on the Cooperage this evening. Govindraj and Shetty scored for the winners, while K. Narayan scored for Jai Hind.

TRAMWAYMEN BEAT KHANDOBA VIJAY

Parel Football League

BOMBAY, Thursday.

BEST beat Khandoba Vijay by the odd goal in three at St. Xavier's College Ground, Parel in the First Division of the Indian Football League.

The Tramwaymen opened their account in the fifth minute of play through Savant, but it was with the exchanges running even that the result of the match would go anybody's way and right before the breather Ramdas scored the equalizer for Khandoba Vijay. In the succeeding period, F. Das scored the all-important goal for the Tramwaymen to collect full points for his side.

Earlier, Globe Sports "B" were rather lucky to beat St. Xaxier's College "B" by a solitary goal scored off a penalty kick taken by Murli in the first half of play. This was in the Second Division of the same League.

On the Railway Ground, St. Xavier's High School "A" and Don Bosco High School "A" were concerned in a goodless draw in the Fifth Division of the Harwood Football League.

Earlier in the Junior Section of this league, Little Flower "B" beat St. Xavier's High School "B" by four goals to nil. Gama, Romeo, Nunes and Magalgoa were the goal scorers for the winners.

Exhibition Hockey Match At Simla

SIMLA, July 27 PTI):—The Hockey Committee of Simla Sports Association at its emergent meeting held under the chairmanship of Swami Jaggannath decided to hold an exhibition hockey match on July 30 in Simla between the East Punjab Hockey Association team and a selected team from Simla.

BOMBAY ELIMINATED IN SANTOSH TROPHY

Lose To Hyderabad By Odd Goal In Five

CALCUTTA, July 28 (PTI): The only match played today in the second round of the Inter-Provincial Football Tournament resulted as follows:—

1). Bombay-two (Ferao-2).

Hyderabad—three (Moin-3, Sussay

A fairly big crowd was present on the Mohammadan Sporting Ground to see Hyderabad defeat Bombay in the second round of the Inter-Provincial Football Tournament by three goals to two in a thrilling match.

Against the run of play Hyderabad was two goals down within seven minutes from the start and that turned the sympathy of the football fans towards Hyderabad whose every move was cheered by the crowd.

Hyderabad had more of the attack in the first half, but they did nothing. Bombay attacked methodically and scored two goals through their center-forward Ferrao in the third and seventh minute from the start Aziz, the Hyderabad rightback and the keeper were responsible for the first goal and the keeper for the second.

Hyderabad played havoc with the Bombay defence after their first reducer in the nineteenth minute through Moin's defence thereafter went out of gear and Hyderabad storming the opponents citadel equalized in the twenty-fourth minute through Moin who receiving a pass from Sussay, dribbled past two apponents and netted. Sussay scored the match winner a few seconds before the final whistle.

Aziz, Fravall, Sussay, Jamal and Pindury were outstanding players in the Hyderabad side. While Parab and Krishnan were prominent with Bombay side.

Teams:—

Hyderabad: Erraya, Aziz, and Fraval, Noor Jamal and Pindury, Eliah, Durraswami Moin, Sussay and Muham.

Bombay: Sanjiva, Woodcock and Papen, Narayan, Krishn and Gobind, Anwar, Parab, Ferrao, Thomas and Peter.

Refree: N. Sen.

Inter Services Football Tournament

The following the the results of the first round matches in the inter-services Football Tournament which commenced in Calcutta today:—

Eastern Command-2, Southern Command-1 Air Force-3, Navy 1.

Rajasthan Beat Dalhousie Two-Nil In Calcutta Soccer

CALCUTTA, July 28 (PTI): The only match played today in the First Division Calcutta Football League resulted as follows:—

Rajasthan-2, Dalhousie-nil.

BRILLIANT DISPLAY BY INDU DESAI

Amina Joosab Beaten In P.V.M. Table Tennis

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Miss Indu Desai, who was surprisingly not invited to play in the recently concluded Brothers' Club Invitation Table Tennis Tournament, was seen at the best of her form this evening at the P. V. M. Gymkhana in the first round of the women's singles, when she beat Miss Amina Joosab in three thrilling games.

Hard-hitting Indu Desai, who hits systematically with her forehand, had very nearly turned the tables on one of Bombay's leading players—Mrs. Mani Bharucha—in the Byculla YMCA tournament earlier in the season. She had then lost in the third set due to erratic play, but this evening playing against Amina Joosab, she was more consistent in her attack, which she sustained from the start. Losing the first game very narrowly at 17-21, Indu Desai started storming her opponent's fortress with a greater determination and running level throughout the second game she won it by a small margin of 21-18 to equalise the game scores The third game proved to be even closer, and Indu Desai managed to survive by the barest of margins to earn her first important victory during the one year of table tennis that she has been playing.

Indu Desai

It was a welcome sign to see college girls turning up in quite a good number to play in this tournament, which is sponsored by the leading women's club in Bombay. Miss Freny Dastur, the Elphinstone College number one, who also does not possess any defence worth the name, was fully extended by Miss Khorshed Mistry who made capital out of the mistakes of the promising Elphinstonian. Getting quite a fair number of her strokes correct in the first game, Freny Dastur won the initial game, but the next one saw her in a different mood. She hit half-heartedly and the result was that she lost the second game. In the decider however the Elphinstone champion changed over with the score 8-10 against her, but that was as far as her opponent went, and playing an inspired game she won point after point, and nine points off the real saw the tables turned in her favour, and she won at 21-12.

The Bombay Collegiate champion Miss Godafreid Tarapore could do nothing against the steadiness of Miss Dhun Munshi, and the latter won in two games, conceding fifteen points in each of the games.

The following were the results:—

Women's Singles

Mrs. Gool Nasikwala beat Miss Ruby Satarawala, 21-5, 21-5; Miss Kusum Lotwala beat Miss Sadguna Seth, 21-13, 21-12; Miss Jaya Walawalkar beat Miss Pilloo Billimoria, 21-18, 21-17; Mrs. Mani Bharucha beat Miss Usha Kapadia, 21-8, 21-8; Miss Freny Dastur beat Miss Khorshed Mistry, 21-14, 15-21, 21-12; Miss Leela Nadkarni beat Miss R. Chackramani, 24-22, 21-14 Miss M. A. Bhatia walk over "E" Player; Mrs. Meera Gajendrasingh beat Miss Usha Munshi, 21-10, 21-12; Miss Dhun Mistry beat Miss Soonita Amladi, 21-17, 21-19; Miss Dhun Munshi beat Miss Godafreid Tarapore, 21-15, 21-15; Miss Indu Desai beat Miss Amina Joosab, 17-21, 21-18, 21-19; Miss Suhasini Dharap beat Miss Dinoo Billimoria, 21-10, 21-3; Miss Chandri Kilachand beat Miss Dinoo Bastavala, 21-10, 21-8; Miss Silloo Motiwala beat Miss Kusum Apte, 21-19 21-15; Miss Maki Canteenwala walk over "B" Player.

ELPHINSTONE & RUIA COLLEGES AGAIN WILL VIE FOR HONOURS

Inter-Collegiate Badminton Commences On 8th August

BOMBAY, Thursday.

On the 8th August, the cream of Badminton talents from all the Bombay colleges shall flock on the Elphinstone College Court for the coveted Inter-Collegiate Badminton Trophy.

The response this year has increased and in men's singles not less than 38 entries have been received as compared to last year's 28. This year's entries include Mahhar Bhopardikar, Sunitra Nigudkar from Ruia College, Sindhu Phansalkar, and D. N. Dhongade from Elphinstone College and Tehmi Vakeel from St. Xavier's.

With all these players, the standard of Badminton has gone down considerably since the days of "Raja" Patwardhan, Khamdu Rangnekar, Mugwe Bros. and Henry Rebeiro, to mention only a few of them.

The reigning champion, the Elphinstone college will try their very best to retain their trophy which they won last year from Ruia College. The Elphinstone team includes Miss S. S. Phansalkar, holder of the Singles and Mixed titles, L. N. Dhongade, M. P. Desai and N. H. Shums.

The Ruiaites are likely to provide the stiffest opposition to the champions. Unfortunately the Ruiaites will not be able to get the services of one of their best players in Satish Nerurkar, as he is not eligible, yet Manohar Bhopardikar and Sumitra Nigudkar are capable of carrying everything before them. The players from other colleges are Miss Tehmi Vakeel and Babette Saldhana from St. Xavier's.

The notable absentee from the competition is R. A. Dongre of Khalsa College, who it is understood is the most improved player among the collegians. He like singles title holder Ramesh Desai, is also not eligible for the competition.

If everything goes according to expectations, Bhopardikar should win the singles event, and in all probability he should be the first favourite for the title. If it comes to the question of survival of the fittest, than A. R. Kavarana should be the favourite, but the surprise packet of the tournament is likely to be young Dhongade from the Elphinstone College. Watching him practising, one is inclined to feel that this youngster should take away the title in his very first appearance. He has progressed by leaps and bounds during the past year.

Ladies Singles final should once again be contested by last year's finalists Miss Phansalkar and Miss Nigudkar. Although Tehmi Vakeel from St. Xavier's is capable of springing a mild surprise, Miss Phansalkar, last year's champion, should win the title once again. Miss Nigudkar, who lost in a very close match last year, may avenge the defeat this year.

In Men's Doubles, Bhopardikar and Kamat are expected to win the title with comparative ease, as Bhopardikar is the best exponent of the doubles game among the collegians.

In ladies doubles event Miss Tehmi Vakeel and Babette Saldhana seeded No. 1 in the event should win the title.

There seem to be little doubt as to the chances of Bhopardikar and Miss Nigudkar in the mixed doubles, and one cannot look beyond them for the victory in the event.

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Begin; to have begun is half of the work. Let the half still remain; again begin this and thou will have done all.

—AUSONIUS.

DEPRESSING OUTLOOK

The proceedings of the Central Advisory Council for Industries at Delhi indicate an industrial outlook which is most depressing. Prices are rising, capital continues to be shy stocks are accumulating, mills are being closed or shifts reduced, exports are falling, adverse balance is persisting and above all, employers and employees are at loggerheads and the Government is finding it increasingly difficult to maintain industrial peace. There is no knowing, so one feels, when there may be a large scale strike or a lock-out in the shape of closed mills. Unemployment has begun in jute and cotton mills and seems likely to spread. A gleam of hope is seen in the slightly increased production in 1948, which has been fairly maintained during the first half of the present year. But the increase has been hardly sufficient to reduce prices or increase exports. Rising prices increase wages and cost of production, which in its turn checks exports and industrial expansion. It is easy to suggest the remedy that production should be increased on a much wider scale so as to reduce cost of production and prices. The remedy has been known these many years but it has yet to be effectively applied.

Dr. S. P. Mookerjee, Minister for Industry and Supplies, fondly hopes that the measures taken by Government to arrest the upward trend of prices have at least given us "the necessary breathing space for seeking the deeper causes and applying more permanent remedies which in some shape or form must always be directed to secure greater productivity as well as greater production". This is only restating the problem. What are the "more permanent remedies" and in what "shape or form" are they to be applied? Dr. Mookerjee does not suggest them. Somewhat complacently he regards the closure of mills as "transitional problems" and says that such closures are but "part of the process of adjustments" and that they "are not unknown, in fact, were not uncommon in the normal functioning of free enterprise before the war". Before the war there was no inflation and no adverse trade balance. But now all are agreed that inflation is our biggest problem and that increased production is the "sine qua non" in combating inflation. In such circumstances every cause, like a closed mill, that threatens to retard production deserves to be considered seriously and not merely as a common phenomenon in the process of adjustment.

The debate that followed the Industry Minister's speech was hardly helpful in suggesting agreed methods of increasing production, an objective desired by all. Representatives of employers and those of the employees accused each other of retarding production. Lala Sri Ram (industrialist) railed at Government too when he said: "Labour may be the villain or the industrialists, but I do not know what to say about the Government. The story is like the division of bread between the two cats". But why do not the employers come to an agreement with the employees without the intervention of Government? Mr. J. J. Kapadia (Stock-Exchange), more disinterested, was more telling and perhaps hit the nail on the head when he said that Government must intervene immediately to prevent this "epidemic of mismanagement". He instanced the case in which the managing agents of an industrial undertaking spent over one lakh of rupees on a wedding in Bombay and said that the amount was debited to the mills account under the head "property repair". The industrialists are naturally suspicious of Government's Industries Bill which empower Government to control and regulate industries. Sir Ardeshir Dalal described the Bill as having destroyed the confidence not only of Indian capitalists but also of foreign capitalists. Mr. Khandubhai Desai, President of the INTUC, was perhaps more to the point when he suggested that "no honest industrialist need have any apprehensions about the new powers" of the Government. On the whole however, the industrial situation is at present most unsatisfactory. We shall await with interest the reports in the subject of two expert committees appointed by the Control Advisory Council.

Sound Logic

The schoolboy riddle, what noise annoys a noisy oyster?, called forth no scientific answer. All that was evoked was, That noise annoys a noisy oyster that annoys a noisy oyster, which is very coherent but very unhelpful. The British National Laboratory has applied scientific tests to noise and the result is startling —as startling as the slamming of a door which we are told, raises brain pressure four times, or "higher than morphine or nitro-glycerine, the most powerful pressure drugs known". Rats, treated to noise through successive generations, had their growth retarded by 10 per cent and their lives shortened by 6. Ordinary work under noise called for 20 per cent more nervous energy. All this might be disturbing but it is very helpful. The Laboratory has also hit upon the remedy: Either buildings are made sound-proof or ear plugs are stuffed in 'workers' ears. The findings are most important to India where we are aiming at maximum production. And, since even ordinary buildings are difficult to put up, it is plain that we must go in for ear plugs. It is a pity that the unimaginative British scientists have not investigated the effect of noise on plant life; we could have applied the results to the grow-more-food drive with beneficial results. Imagine the profit to humanity by stuffing cotton-wool into ears of corn!

And yet there are drawbacks too which must be taken into accounts. Ear-plugged ears may be conducive to quiet work but they will deprive the ears of their alertness to the pleasing chimes of six o'clock sounding melodiously on waiting ears. They will stop us from listening to our colleagues' [illegible] on the weather, the Government and the character of our neighbours which help to pass the tedious office hours; what is even worse. They will stop our colleagues from garnering the stored up wisdom of our own minds. The Ipposition elements might, moreover, well object that they are undemocratic and anti-social. The research, after all, does not go deep enough. All noise cannot be roundly condemned as wholly bad. After all, there is a difference between the rolling of the tumbrils and the beating of angels' wings, and there is a lot that is packed in between. Nature itself is infinitely varied in noise and this is the one sphere where man has improved on Nature. We strongly suggest that research be directed towards dividing and classifying noise and discriminating between the different kinds, and the varied reactions of men and women. The Gramphone next door is also a thing of beauty and a joy for ever to our neighbours even unto the twentieth playing of last year's melody. To us it is a maddening racket which makes us curse Edison and all his works. It is too much to ask humanity to accept that it is the same thing to us and our neighbour. And, if there can be so much difference between man and man, then surely there must be a greater barrier between rats and men. It would be wise till more is learnt to use filters of sound rather than ear-plugs. And, if noise is really so bad for us all, it will not be long before humanity, adapted by Nature to the hardships which beset it, is deprived of its hearing though not trimmed of its ears so long as these useful protruberances serve the purpose of holding one's spectacles in place, more or less.

Tete-à-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT

WASHINGTON, July 27 (UPA):—Republican Representative John Taber said from the floor of the House of Representatives that British Foreign Secretary Bevin recently pointed out "with pride" that the United States was following Britain's example of becoming a "socialist welfare state.... Taber, who is the ranking minority member of the House Appropriations Committee, said if the United States becomes a welfare state national economy will be lowered to a point where "not Britain alone but two nations—Britain and U.S.—may go down together."

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Poona report: Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, President of the Leftist Consolidation Council, is arriving here to meet Mr. A. A. Khan, leader of the Fourth Party, and Mr. S. S. More, leader of the Peasants and Workers' Party, to discuss the formation of a federation of all Indian Leftist (!) parties.

Success is obviously assured and the future of Mr. Bose's Leftist Consolidation Council is certainly bright.

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According to a Calcutta report, the Station Master's quarters at Jirat on the E. I. R. about 40 miles from Calcutta was raided by armed dacoits on Sunday night.

We are glad to think that the police didn't get the opportunity of coming into contact with the armed dacoits. Otherwise, they, the police, might have been tempted tyrannically to resort to "the cult of the bullet and the bayonet". Which would have earned further disapproval of the Nehru Government by Babu Sarat Chandra Bose?

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Bare-headed persons, reports the Secretary of the Congress Committee, are not admitted to the Rajpur station in the Patiala and East Punjab States Union territory.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, should be ever find himself in the vicinity, had better avoid the Rajpur police station and especially the Sub-Inspector in charge.

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According to our Kenya correspondent, plans for the formation of an All-White East African Settlers' Union are complete and a round table conference of white settlers of Tanganyika and Kenya is shortly due at Nairobi.

We shouldn't be surprised. Grabbers of East Africa Must Unite!

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The U. S. administration, we are informed, is preparing to lay before Congress secret intelligence reports, which indicate that Russia is arming for war.

And which thus confirm what is already well and universally known.

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Hong Kong: A high Government official said here today he was convinced that many pro-Communist Unions in this British colony were prepared to make trouble if ordered to do so "from outside".

Wonderful, wonderful — even though Government officials have been a long time discovering the obvious.

GLEANINGS FROM URDU PRESS

THREE League Assembly Members Expelled—E. Bengal Security Ordinance Declared Illegal—Baluchis' Demand Representation—Frontier Jirga Decide for Pathanistan—Impact of Islam in Pakistan.

On a charge of violating discipline and organisation of the League Party, three members of the East Pakistan Legislative Party have been expelled from the Muslim League. The fact of the case is that these members had openly supported Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy in the recent election for the Constitutent Assembly. —The Daily "Sathi" of Patna.

15-CRORE LOAN

Mr. Tafazzeul, Ali, Revenue Minister in East Bengal, in an interview to the press, revealed that the East Bengal Government intend to take a loan of 15 crores of rupees from the Central Government to meet the expenditure of compensation to be paid to the zamindars and towards other emergency items.

He further said that this amount would be secured on instalments in ten years, repayable on the same lines. Zamindari would be abolished through a district-wise process. The Revenue Minister added that a special session of the Assembly will be called after the end of Ramzan (the fasting month) for finalising the bill.—The Daily "Sathi" of Patna.

ISLAMIC COUNCIL

The foremost task of the Islamic Council in England will be to hold a census of the Muslims living in England. Sheikh Ali Abdul Qadir, President of the Council and Director of the Islamic Cultural Centre, in London, told the Globe Agency that the object of the Council was to organize and unite the Muslims in England in a form of group, so that their religious rights should be recognised and that Islam be protected against the press and other attacks.

This Council will look after all religious interests of the Muslims living in England and will solely represent the scattered Muslims with no hold of a particular sect on it. According to the estimation of Sheikh Ali, the Muslims in England number about 20 thousand. But, when the actual figures are found out, as a result of the census, a regular register will be maintained.

The religious rights for which the Council will endeavour, will cover Namaz, participation in religious festivals or ceremonies, establishment of schools and other educational centres for the advancement of Islamic education and opening of hotels for Muslim students—The Daily "Sathi" of Patna.

The weekly "Afaq" of Lahore, in its editorial colums writes:—

"It is a good augury that the Pakistan Government has decided to appoint Lieut. Col. Sahibzada Mohd. Khursheed as Governor of the N.W.F. P. We cordially welcome the decision. "Shahibzada is a Frontier Pathan and a near relative of the late Sahibada Abdul Qayum, known as Sir Syed of Frontier. He is stated to have a wide administrative experience and a deep insight into the complicated problems of the Frontier Province. He is also a brave gallant Musalman. When Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru had visited the tribal area in pre-partition days, timely help of the Sahibzada had saved the life of Panditji.

It is common knowledge that the Frontier Province is passing through a critical period. General discontentment and resentment is reigning supreme due to the unstatesman-like and stubborn attitude of the present Premier. The masses are sick of the ministry, unfortunately called the Muslim League Ministry.

It is learnt that the Sind Government has decided to re-employ those non-Muslims who had a simply resigned from the services in the provincial Government in January last, rather than they had left Pakistan—The daily "Ansari", Delhi.

ORDINANCE ILLEGAL

Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, as a defence, had submitted a petition for the release of one Dabeerul Islam, student of the Dacca University. In their judgement, the learned High Court Judges, Mr. Justice Allison and Mr. Justice Ameeruddin, remarked that the East Bengal Governor had no power to extend the period of the East Bengal Security Prisoners' ordinance on the plea of another ordinance. Therefore, the detention of Mr. Dabeerul Islam was against law, the ordinance becoming invalid. But, the Court could not issue order for the release of the said detenue, since the Government had taken care to issue a new order when the case was still sub-judice.—The daily "Sathi" of Patna.

RED LEADER EXPELLED

Mr. Jalaluddin Bukhari, Communist leader of Sind, who is now a detenue has been expelled from the Communist Party. It is understood that Mr. Bukhari had shown some weakness in regard to the Government attitude on Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan's proposed visit to Moscow. —The daily "Khursheed" of Hyderabad-Dn.

BALUCHIS' DEMAND

Six prominent Baluch leaders have issued a joint statement saying that, according to the wishes of the Qaid-i-Azam, it is high time the Pak. Government should take steps to merge all the small states. Immediate attention must be paid to the economic and educational problems in the states. They put forth a demand that Baluchis should be represented on the Government services in Pakistan, particularly in the diplomatic services—The daily "Khursheed", Hyderabad-Dn.

REMEDY FOR WEST PUNJAB

Maulana Daud Gazavi, member of the W. P. League Working Committee, in the course of an interview to the United Press of India, stated that immediate elections of the Assembly can only solve the present problems of the W. Punjab. Another member Mantana Alauddi Siddiqui has said that the situation in the West Punjab has improved to a great extent.

Both these members have disclosed that the efforts of the Muslim League have brought about the resignation of Sir Francis Mudie, since all the members of the Working Committee had made common cause with the issue—The daily "Khursheed", Hyderabad-Dn.

REPRESENTION IN KASHMIR

The Kashmir Praja Parishad have launched upon a satyagrah since 23rd June, 1949, for the restoration of freedom to the people. 150 arrests have been made so far. The Abdulla Government are trying to suppress the movement with severe repressive measures, but the movement is still being conducted. The satyagrahis arrested so far are being ill-treated in jails and are not given the facility to file appeals against the sentences passed.—The daily "Karavan" of Calcutta.

REQUEST FOR FLOUR

Reports available from Dacca reveal that Chandpur sub-division in East Pakistan is a famine-affected part. The rural population of that area are so perplexed that they are disposing of wooden doors and the corrugated sheets of the roofs of their houses.

At several places, the price of rice has soared upon to Rs. 80 per maund. It is learnt that the Pakistan Government have made a request to the Government of India to supply 20 thousand tons of flour. The Pakistan Government would supply 20 thousand tons of wheat in return. Negotiations are being conducted and it is believed that an agreement will be reached within a day or two. The daily "Tej" of Delhi.

Speaking at a vast jirga of the Mehmand tribe, Malik Zafrullah, one of the prominent participants, declared that the Agha Zai tribe is a strong supporter of Azad Pathanistan movement. The attitude adopted by the Pakistan Government against the Pathans is very provacative.

Malik Abdullah Khan, Mohd. Jan Khan and other Maliks addressed the Jirga. Thereafter, a general discussion ensued and a resolution as unanimously passed which said:

"This jirga puts forth a strong demand of Azad Pathanistan. We shall not flinch back from making any sacrifice to achieve Pathanistan. This jirga strongly condemns the attitude of Pakistan. The Pathans have always been independent and shall ever remain so."

The Afghan Government was thanked for their sympathy with the Pathans. It is also said in the resolution that whoever will try to dominate the Pathans shall be their enemy. —The Daily "Tej", Delhi.

PLEA FOR HINDUSTANI

Prominent nationalist Muslims numbering 81 have sent an appeal to the members of the Constituent Assembly of India, requesting them to declare Hindustani as the National language of India and both Nagri and Persian scripts as primary and secondary ones in order of merit.

EDUCATION IN PAKISTAN

The Educational Adviser of Pakistan in course of an interview revealed that 60 percent of Pakistanis, who have received higher education abroad are not provided with jobs in keeping with their aptitude. He proposed that, if the Government do not need their services and experiences, they should be engaged in colleges at least, so that they may train the Pakistani students.

He further said that the education system and set-up in Pakistan should be raised to a certain level so that exchange of students may be facilitated. He proposed that education should be recognised as a subject of supreme importance. Promotion of education is seriously handicapped by the fact that every province has got a seperate syllabus of its own.—The daily "Iqtedar" of Kanpur.

ISLAM IN PAKISTAN

Muslims in Bahawalpur are being forced to observe fasts under legal provision. The police have been empowered to arrest the offenders without warrants. The Muslims found guilty after summary trials are sentenced to three days' imprisonment and fined Rs. 10!—Daily "Vir Bharat" of Delhi.

A well-known local paper, "Pukar" of Quetta, has published an open letter to Mr. Liaqat Ali Khan, Premier of Pakistan:—

"The Advisory Council which has recently been set up in Baluchistan, is undemocratic in pattern in every respect. It neither represents the Government not the people. The inhabitants of the province are starving and

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

The Acid Test

If the Sphinx of Soviet Russia attaches any importance to opinions of him expressed by people, M. Stalin should feel highly flattered by Bernard Shaw's certificate that he is the mainstay of peace in Europe. G. B. S. rarely condescends to see virtue in anyone but himself. That he should choose this occasion to pay a superfluous compliment to M. Stalin will surprise many of his admirers as well as the admirers of Stalin himself. But, in so far as Shaw meant to be anything more than just startling, it must be taken more as indicative of his own discontent with the leaders of Britain than discriminating appreciation for Stalin. Had G. B. S. been in Russia, he would by now have ceased expressing unorthodox views or just ceased. It is, after all is said and done, to the credit of the system under which G. B. S. lives that he is able to express his estimate of M. Stalin. Can anyone honestly maintain that any Russian of Shaw's status and distinction can offer a similar bouquet to Attlee or Truman? That is the final test of the two opposing systems.

No Halfway House

Mr. L. M. Patil, Bombay's Excise Minister, was firm but reasonable in declaring that the Bombay Government had gone too far in implementing its Prohibition programme to withdraw now, when it was just seven months from complete fulfilment. Not only this, but Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Governor-General of India, had the Bombay Prohibition Bill before him for some time before he gave his final sanction which made it law. His assent, though to a great extent a matter of automatic action on knowing the will of the province, was equivalent to the Centre's approving of the Bombay line. Moreover, Prohibition was the Congress programme for years and it had the support of majority opinion. Much has been said about Democracy when it is a question of criticising Government action, particularly action in support of Law and Order. But it might be useful to remember that the opponents of the Government, whether organised into an Opposition or not, are also under obligation to observe scrupulously the laws of the land. For example, the Conservative section of British opinion led by Mr. Churchill opposed the Government of India Act of 1935 tooth and nail before it became law. Once it was adopted, they acquiesced in it. The constant needling at the Prohibition Act that is indulged in by some critics, does not seem to be done in a democratic manner. At any rate, Mr. Patil's firm statement of the Government's position should remove all impression that there is a likelihood of the Bombay Ministry withdrawing from its commitments on the issue of Prohibition.

Official Auditors

The Bombay Stock Exchange's proposal for a government auditor being appointed in addition to the usual auditor except where a company is not regarded as sufficiently important is the less drastic alternative. It would have been more normal to ask for drastic action against auditors who fail to exercise their functions with due responsibility. The proposal recognises the difficulties that confront the most genuine and earnest auditors and seeks to avoid placing a greater strain on the class. But how far a government auditor will be able to go deeper into company affairs than the usual auditor remains to be seen. More direct benefit may be hoped for from the suggestions relating to the functioning of the Registrar of Companies Office which today is a mere mechanical record office, as it were. But empowering the Registrar will not produce results unless the office is adequately manned. The representation has brought out the necessity for an amendment of the Companies Act as well as an overhaul of the administrative side. In view of the importance placed on increased production, it is important that the matter should be attended to at once.

Bengal Elections

The decision of the Congress Working Committee to hold elections in West Bengal within the next six months has been announced. An interim Ministry is to be formed in which the best talents will find a place and the Bengal Cabinet has been absolved of the necessity of choosing its personnel from only legislators of the province. Much will depend on the functioning of the Interim Ministry and the directive to hold elections cannot naturally be held imperative regardless of civic conditions in the province. Immediately, the leading members of the Working Committee will have to convert the Bengal Congress leadership to their views and to infuse them with sufficient enthusiasm to face the elections. An intensive political campaign in West Bengal is obviously the next Congress step and it will be interesting to watch the success that attends the effort to win back the people of Bengal. From all accounts, it should not be a difficult task but it will need men who are confident of their views and well informed on the Congress policy and programme. It will also be a rallying point for other parties and this might provide a field of agitation which will divert attention from the excesses that have marred Bengal public life.

Teachers' Charter

At the instance of India's delegate, Mr. S. N. Agarwal, the World Educational Congress at Geneva agreed to draw up a Charter of Teachers' Rights and Duties. The Executive Committee will present a draft Charter for discussion at the session of the Congress in Canada next October. Speaking on his resolution Mr. Agarwal stated that international understanding and world peace could be attained on a lasting basis only by rediscovering the eternal values of life. He suggested, as a practical approach that greater importance should be attached to moral and spiritual values than to the material. The idealism underlying the views expressed by Mr. Agarwal presupposes a radical change in the outlook which is characteristic of countries overwhelmed by the forces of materialism. The chief condition which is essential to its realisation as a reconstructive force is sustained and world-wide educational endeavour; but the teacher's role and equipment will have to be taken into special consideration as a factor in liberalising education.

Pay Standards Needed

The teacher, observed Mr. Agarwal, should not impose his views on children, but should develop in them the capacity of thinking and discriminating between right and wrong, and, to do so, he should not get himself involved in party politics. In order to develop independent thinking and a sense of discrimination in children, the teacher should be well-equipped to play the role of a character-builder from the lower grades of education. The Charter, if drawn up by the World Educational Congress, will probably lay down the qualifications and qualities which make an ideal teacher, but it must make provision for his adequate remuneration. In this connection, Mr. Agarwal asserted that the real status of the teaching profession could be raised not by merely insisting upon better scales of pay and security of service but by elevating the character and moral influence of teachers in general. We wish Mr. Agarwal had taken a realistic view of the modern world and approached the teaching profession from the economic angle as well. In this country, the profession has sunken more or less to the level of a mercenary interest, because a liberal pay and security of service are not invariably attached to it. The teacher must be fully recompensed for the contribution which he is expected to make towards liberal education.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

The Dang Language Controversy

Your editorial note of the 22nd July on the Dang language controversy is likely to create a misunderstanding in the minds of your readers and hence needs a clarification. It is true that before arriving at the joint decision that the language of the Dang district is more akin to Marathi than to Gujerati, Mr. B. G. Kher and Mr. Morarji Desai personally went there and held a first-hand inquiry; but to say that they also consulted some linguistic authorities on the question is far from true. The Government communique published after these ministers' visit to this area mentions among other things that they toured the district for several hours, talked with certain persons and arrived at the above-mentioned decision. Whether they consulted any linguistic authority on the question is not detected from this official communique, nor Mr. Morarji Desai has said so in any of his subsequent pronouncements in this connection. For had they consulted any linguistic authority such as Dr. Grierson's "Linguistic Survey of India" or Dr. T. N. Dave's "Linguistic Boundaries of Gujerat", their decision would, I am sure, be quite different. We should also bear in mind the fact these two pundits whose knowledge of philology is a fait accompli after laborious research and deep study of this dialect arrived at the conclusion that the influence of Gujerati is more predominant over it then that of Marathi, whereas our two ministers whose knowledge of philology is still a question after several hours' tour in the area arrive at the decision that the dialect is more akin to Marathi than to Gujerathi. This shows how arbitrary and unscientific the latter decision is. The memorandum which is to be presented to the Bombay Government is being prepared by the Gujerat Sahitya Sabha and according to the information received by me it does contain specimen of the typical folk-songs of the people of Dang and of sentences from their common speech. Not only this but their actual folk-songs have been recorded and a movie-film of these people is taken by the Inquiry Commission sent to this area by the said Sahitya Sabha. In fact no stone will be left unturned to establish Gujerat's just and rightful claim over Dang. Not only linguistically but culturally and historically Dang belongs to Gujerat and should form part of Gujerat.

—PRAFUL THAKORE

Ahmedabad.

Sugar Prices

Sugar price has advanced during last one month from Rs. 88/- to Rs. 100/- per bag in Bombay and is still rising every day, adding greater hardship to the already hard-pressed consumers. The parties responsible for such state of affairs are the merchants, the Indian Sugar Syndicate and the Government. The merchants, because of their manipulating by heavy purchases in forward deliveries and applying Teji Mandi on the Hedge Markets run by various Sugar Merchants' Associations. The Syndicate, because of by fixing restricted Zones for railments of sugar to big markets like Bombay which are always kept half starved so as to knock out high prices and also by conniving at the demand of 'pugree' over the fixed sugar prices by the Associated mills. The Government because of their playing a role of silent spectators without taking immediate action against the present profiteering in sugar. What the Government ought to do under the present situation is to fix here and now low rates for the New Crop Sugars which are to come in the market some time in October 1949. Such action, if taken in time, will in all probability break the back-bone of the speculators and the merchants who are now hoarding ready stock and piramiding their purchases on the speculative markets which are nothing but gambling dens run under the auspices of so called "Associations". The Bombay Government also appear to be slow in taking notice of such high prices as are now demanded by the Deccan mills for the stock of sugar lying now with them."

—G. R. MUTHIAH

RED TROUBLE IN EAST PAKISTAN

NETRAKONA (East Pakistan) July 28 (UPI.) Reports are coming in of renewed Communist trouble in Susang. The S.D.O. of the Netrakona has left for the place.

It is stated that police had to open fire to disperse a violent mob. Details are lacking.

OPEN AIR

The Night-flowering Cactus has numbers of buds on its long, flattened, leaf-like stems. At present they are tightly closed, but they grow bigger daily, and in a few days the pinkish, snake-like, outer leaves will loosen and we shall know that the time has come to bring the plants indoors, for the flowers only open at about 9 o'clock at night and by 4 o'clock next morning their beauty is over, so we should miss all their glory if we left them outside. The nights on which the cactus flowers open are red-letter nights in the family, and even the children insist on staying awake to watch the miracle of the unfolding of the delicate, creamy petals. First, as the petals loosen, the star-shaped stigma opens out, and then, as the petals open wider and wider, we see the bed of deeper cream stamens in the centre, and the heavy scent of the flower fills the room. One of the popular names for the night-flowering cactus is "Bethlehem Lily," for the stigma is supposed to represent the Star of Bethlehem and the bed of stamens the manger in which the Infant Christ was laid when he was born.

—D.R.

NIGHT FLOWERING CACTUS

Averting Closure Of Industries

ADVISORY COUNCIL SUGGESTS SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Plea To Capital To Improve Quality Of Goods

NEW DELHI, July 28.

THE Central Advisory Council of Industries today in a resolution recommended that the Government of India should set up two Committees —one to deal with the problem of averting, wherever possible, the impending closure of mills or heavy curtailment of production of individual units of industry and the second to deal with the general problems affecting the whole field of industry.

The resolution says: This council, having carefully reviewed the situation arising from the closure of certain mills and factories and the apprehension of further closure in the near future, has come to the conclusion that the situation is not such as to cause any undue alarm, but suggests that immediate steps should be taken to prevent further deterioration and the loss of essential production as well as the unemployment resulting from such closures.

AVERTING CLOSURES

"This council thinks that the problem must be viewed from two standpoints; the first relating to the immediate problem of averting, wherever possible, the impending shut-down or heavy curtailment of production of individual units of industry, and the second to the general problems affecting the whole field of industry, such as inefficiency of plant and machinery, high cost of the manufactured articles, defective distribution and the unsaleability of the products.

As regards the first objective, the Council recommends that the Government of India should immediately set up a small Committee to deal with all such cases. Representatives of labour and industry will be associated with this Committee, whenever necessary. Any industrial unit, especially one producing what may be considered as essential goods, which intends to close down or apprehends the possibility of closure or any substantial loss of production, should send a report simultaneously to this Central Committee, and to a suitable body to be set up by the Provincial Government, for this purpose.

NEED FOR PROMPT ACTION

The provincial body should try to remove, to the extent possible, the causes which have led or might lead to the shut-down. If it is unable to do so, or if it appears that the measures necessary are such as can be taken only by the Central Government, specially in regard to industries controlled by the centre, the Central Committee will, after such investigation and consultations as may be necessary with the interests concerned, make recommendations to the Central Government. The Council urges that Government must take prompt action on each such cases on that any assistance given may be really effective.

IMPROVING QUALITY

As regards the second objective, the Council considers that in order to place industry in a healthy competitive position, both for supplying internal needs and for increasing exports, production must be increased, quality must be improved, and costs and prices reduced. This will require more efficient and better forms of management, rationalisation of plant and machinery, fuller utilisation of installed capacity, and higher productivity of labour. Individual proposals for effecting such improvements will in many cases be mutually agreed to by management and labour in their common interest. The Council recognises, however, that where such proposals involve large displacement of labour, intervention of Government may become necessary. Realising that these improvements on a large scale can only be effected according to a well-planned programme of economic expansion and industrial reorganisation, the Council recommends that a special Committee or Committees should be appointed to sturdy the problem, with the assistance of such technical experts as may be necessary. These Committees should deal with the essential industries in the first instance, a list of which will be indicated by Government. Their reports will be considered by the Standing Committee of the Council, which it is proposed to constitute, and Government will take suitable action on its recommendations.

THE COUNCIL FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT STANDARDS OF QUALITY SHOULD BE LAID DOWN, PARTICULARLY FOR ARTICLES INTENDED FOR EXPORT WHEREVER FEASIBLE, AND CONFORMITY WITH SUCH STANDARDS SHOULD BE SECURED NORMALLY BY VOLUNTARY ADOPTION BY PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS, BUT WHERE NECESSARY BY LEGISLATION. THE DRAFT PROPOSALS MADE BY THE I.S.I. SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE AT AN EARLY DATE.

Why Indian Capital Has Gone Shy

Investment Committee's Analysis

NEW DELHI, July 28 (PTI): Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, Minister for industry and Supply, told the Central Advisory Council of Industries today that the Government of India would welcome foreign capital for industrialisation of India.

He said that as a matter of policy, the Government would take indigenous industries into confidence before allowing any foreign concern to set up factories in India. But once a foreign concern was admitted to establish its factory it would be treated exactly in the same manner as any other Indian concern. There would be no discrimination of any sort against any foreign concern or any favour to parallel industries owned by Indians.

The Industries Minister made this statement while the Council was considering the report of the Expert Committee headed by Sir Ardeshir Dalal on the question of investment.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Investment Committee in its report analysed the causes that had led to decline in investment and suggested remedies.

The Committee deprecated unnecessary emphasis on lack of confidence as, in its opinion, the situation "is by no means out of hand" and it feels that the adoption of proper measures will go a long way towards stimulating investment.

According to the Committee, five main causes contributed to the decline in investment. The political and economic upheaval resulting from partition was the first cause. As a consequence, investments from Pakistan had cease. Certain important investing classes, such as the Princes and Zamindars, had not been able to play their usual part.

Secondly, changes in the distribution of income had resulted in the shifting of wealth more and more to the non-investing classes from those who used to be mainly responsible for the major part of investment.

Thirdly, the uncertainties brought up by the enquiries of the Incometax Investigation Commission had caused money to go underground.

Fourthly, certain aspects of Government policy contributed to the decline, namely, taxation policy starting from 1947 budget and inadequate measures of relief thereafter. The richer class who initiate enterprises and provide the risk capital play a more important role in investment than the proportion of their whole investment to their total income.

NO UNIFORM POLICIES

Government policy, particularly labour policy lacked uniformity of principles in the adjudication of industrial disputes. There was uncertainty in Government's import and export policy which in certain cases had led to serious difficulties for Indian industries. The Government expenditure was on a high level. There was lack of co-ordination between the policies of the Centre and the Provinces in matters like prohibition, sales tax, etc.

The fifth cause for the decline in investment according to the Committee was the "unhealthy speculation on the Stock Exchanges and the abuse by some managing agents of their functions and responsibilities and the unrestricted desire for profit displayed by some sections of trade and industry regardless of the good of the community.

The Committee has recommended several measures with a four-fold object of increasing the capacity for investment, improving the channels of investment with a view to tapping all sources, creating conditions which would increase the confidence of investors and supplementing indigenous investment by foreign investment.

Stop Press

A BATTLE IN KOREA

SEOUL, (South Korea), July 28 (P.T.I.-Reuter): A pitched battle appeared imminent between at least 1,000 South Korean troops and as many North Koreans in the Kaesong area 25 miles north of here on the border between the Soviet-supported Northern Republic and the American-supported Southern Republic. Last Monday Southern troops captured a hill 200 yards north of the parallel and observers here expect Northern troops to make a bid for its recapture.

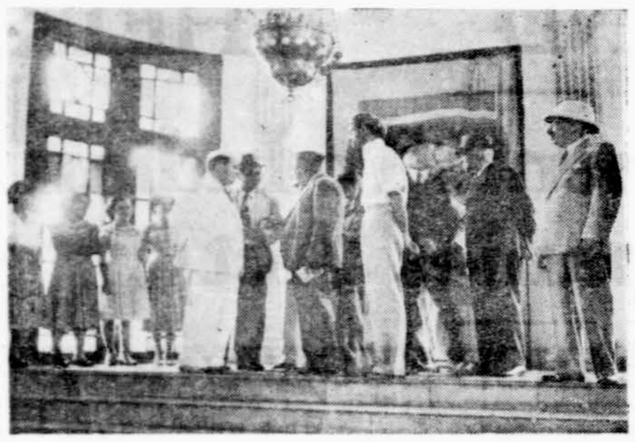
SURPLUS FOOD DISPOSAL

GENEVA, July 28 (P.T.I.-Reuter): On the initiative of India wider international action to increase world food supplies by disposal of surpluses is foreshadowed in a resolution passed here by the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

TEXTILE LABOUR

NAGPUR, July 28 (P.T.I.): The Standing Committee on Textile Industry, meeting here today under the Chairmanship of Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla, the Premier, resolved that the badli (temporary) labour in the textile mills should be discontinued.

INSIDE THE SYNAGOGUE



Raja Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay, seen inside the Poona Synagogue talking to members of the Jewish congregation. (Photo by Frankel's).

CONGRESS CABINET RESOLUTIONS

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dence qualification of at least six months.

"(C) During the period preceding the general elections for the Assembly in the Province, it is necessary that an Interim Ministry be formed. Such a Ministry should consist of the best available talent and may include persons who are not at present members of the West Bengal Assembly. The Congress Party in the West Bengal Assembly should refer to the Central Parliamentary Board for their consideration any proposals in this behalf.

In view of the proposed general elections in the Province for the Assembly, pending bye-elections need not take place.

RECONSTITUTE W.B.P.C.C.

Further the Committee resolved:

"That the Executive Committee of the West Bengal P.C.C. should be reconstituted. It should represent edequately the different elements in the P. C. C. This Executive Committee should have a small Working Committee also representative of these different elements.

2) "In the event of a satisfactory reconstitution of the Executive Committee not being effected, the present members of the All India Congress Committee from West Bengal should form the executive of the P.C.C.

3) **"In case any difficulties arise in the co-operative functioning of the Congress organisation in West Bengal the Working Committee will take such other steps as they may deem fit.**

4) "In the selection of candidates for the general elections for the Provincial Assembly, the Central Parliamentary Board will be finally responsible.

5) "With reference to the complaint that certain co-opted members to the P.C.C. from East Bengal do not conform to the conditions laid down for such co-option, the Committee directs that a thorough scrutiny be held fortwith and those who do not clearly establish that they fulfilled the prescribed conditions or who have subsequently contravened them should cease to be members of the P.C.C.".

Enquiry Into Madras Affairs

The Congress Working Committee today decided to nominate "one or more persons of repute and judgment" to conduct an enquiry in regard to the charges made against certain ministers of the previous Madras Government.

As a preliminary to the holding of an inquiry, the Madras Premier, Mr. P. S. Kumaraswamy Raja has been requested to investigate the charges made by Mr. T. Prakasam and his colleagues. In doing so, the Madras Premier is expected to give full opportunity to the complaints to draw his attention to any matter in relation to the charges.

Mr. Raja's report to the Working Committee is expected to be received by August 15.

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

The following is the full text on Madras:

"The Working Committee have considered the charges made last year by a number of members of the Congress Party of the Madras Legislature against the conduct of certain persons who were Ministers of the Provincial Government at the time. The Committee have also had before them the report of Shri Shankarrao Deo who was sent by the Congress President to conduct an enquiry into these charges.

Shri T. Prakasam, Shri Viswanathan and some others represented the complainants before the Working Committee. The Committee had also the advantage of conferring with the Premier of Madras, Shri Kumaraswamy Raja.

"These charges relate to the previous Ministry and to events that occurred over a year ago. The present Premier of Madras is in no way concerned with them. One of those against whom charges have been preferred has died since that date and another, who was then a Minister, is no longer a Minister.

SHANKARRAO DEO'S REPORT

Shri Shankarrao Deo stated in his report, as a result of his enquiry, that some of the charges have no foundation, while some others deserve a further enquiry. Unfortunately, Shri Shankarrao Deo did not have the co-operation of the complainants at the time of his enquiry.

The Working Committee are anxious that any change made against a person holding the high office of a Minister should be enquired into, if it is made by any responsible person and has any substance. The proper course to be adopted in regard to a charge against a Minister or a member of a Legislative Party is to refer the matter to the Leader of the Party, who is primarily responsible for the discipline of the Party. The Leader should enquire into it and if necessary, at a later stage, a committee of the Party may deal with the matter. If satisfaction is not obtained by this procedure then the matter may, if necessary, be referred to the Working Committee with the report of the leader of the party.

COMMITTEE'S OPINION

In regard to the charges against certain Ministers of the previous Madras Government, the Working Committee are of opinion, in view of Shri Shankarrao Deo's report and in order to deal adequately with complaints and charges which have received considerable public notice, that further enquiry into certain matters is necessary.

The Committee, therefore, propose to nominate one or more persons of repute and judgment to conduct such an enquiry.

Certain steps have, however, to be taken as a preliminary to this further enquiry and in consonance with the rule laid down above.

Shri Kumaraswamy Raja, Premier of Madras, is requested to investigate from official files and papers, as well as if necessary, from reference to any member of the Legislature, into the charges referred to above. In doing so, he will give full opportunity to the complainants to draw his attention to any matter in relation to these charges. He should inform them of the real facts as discovered from official or other records and should draw up a report giving the facts in each case. In the event of there being a difference of opinion between him and the complainants as to the facts, that difference is to be noted.

POLITICAL CHARGES

Among the charges made there are some which are of a political nature and in regard to which an enquiry is neither possible nor desirable, such for instance as supersession of municipalities. The Working Committee do not interfere in the normal working of Provincial Governments which must have discretion in the matter of their day-to-day administration. The Committee are only interested in the basic principles of the Congress being followed and in the integrity of the administration being maintained. Therefore, all such charges as relate to political issues of this kind need not be enquired into by the Premier. These are indicated in the list of charges provided by Shri T. Prakasam. This list includes also some new charges which had not previously been made. These should also be enquired into.

The Premier will supply to Shri T. Prakasam or any other person nominated by him on behalf of the complainants, all necessary papers which will help in elucidating the facts and which are not of secret or confidential nature. After this enquiry and investigation, the Premier will present a factual report to the Working Committee.

AFTER RAJA REPORTS

As a result of this factual report, the Working Committee will determine which of the charges preferred should be referred for further investigation or opinion of the person or persons they intend nominating for this purpose.

The Committee are desirous that this long-pending matter should be disposed of effectively and as speedily as possible. They trust that the Premier will send his report by the August 15.

The Working Committee appoint a Sub-Committee consisting of Shri Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Babu Rajendra Prasad to take any further steps that may be necessary, including the appointment of persons who may be charged with the work of enquiring and making their recommendations into this matter.

SAFETY VALVE

The Congress Working Committee's resolution on the West Bengal problem—advising the holding of general elections in the province before the end of this year or early next year— has been received by the press here with mixed feelings.

"It is not easy to see how far the proposed elections will act as a cure for West Bengal's malaise", said the "Hindustan Standard" editorially. The growing discontent, the paper added, was due "as much to the alleged acts of omissions and commissions of the Provincial Government as those of the Centre".

"The elections", the paper said, "may act as a sort of safety valve for letting off political steam and thus may prove a stabilising factor in the provincial politics. The accumulated grievances, fancied or real, against the Centre will, however, remain even after the elections are over. These, therefore, are unlikely to prove as the panacea they expected to be".

NEW DELHI, July 28. (P.T.I.): The Congress Working Committee will reassemble on Sunday morning to consider the rest of the item on the agenda.

Having disposed of questions relating to West Bengal and Madras, the Committee has before it two other important items namely, the economic policy of the Government, centre and provincial, and tightening up organisational discipline. There are other questions of routine administrative problems of the Congress machinery which remain to be disposed of.

NATIONALISTS TO QUIT CANTON

Threat To Changsha On Two Sides

HONG KONG, July 28 (PTI-Reuter).

CHINESE Nationalists are preparing to evacuate their Government headquarters from Canton towards which the Communist armies continue their sweeping advance through Central China, according to Chinese reports reaching here today.

In the last 48 hours British and United States Consuls-General in Canton have warned all their non-essential nationals to leave southern China, because they announced recent experience in other parts of China has shown that Consular offices had been unable to function normally in communist areas.

Canton had been the seat of the Nationalist Government since last February when it vacated Nanking as victorious Communist armies swept south for their mass crossing of the Yangtse river.

The Communists are using nearly 400,000 troops in their southward drive according to General Ku Chu Tung, Chief of Staff of the Nationalist Defence Ministry. He told the Cabinet in Canton today that Changhsha, capital of Hunan province 350 miles north of Canton, is now threatened on both sides. But he claimed that the battle for Hunan province had "not yet entered a decisive stage."

NATIONALISTS REGROUP

General Ku said Nationalist forces were regrouping south and west of the strategic rail centre of Chuchow, now in Communist hands, 50 miles south of Changsha.

Communist General, Liu Po Chen's troops had captured Taiho and Tienhwa in Kiangsi Province east of Hengyang but Nationalists were reported to have retaken Tienhwa.

Nationalist General, Pai Chung Hsi's headquarters were still at Hengyang, General Ku added.

CRISIS IN FRANCE AVERTED

PARIS, July 28, (PTI-Reuter):— A threatened French Cabinet crisis seemed averted tonight when it was announced that Conservative Ministers who had sent in their resignations earlier had been persuaded by Premier Henri Queuille to change their minds.

The right wing members of the Cabinet had insisted that Labour Minister Daniel Meyer modify his decree granting a holiday bonus to national security workers.

AID TO EUROPE URGED

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therefore to make the gamble too hazardous to be tempting".

He said that fears that the military assistance programme might set off an international arms race or provoke the Soviet Union were groundless.

He said, "What is proposed is not a vast increase in the armies of Western Europe, but the supplying of certain key items of arms and equipment for the very modest forces which the Europeans have already provided for in their budgets".

He said the United States was asserting positive leadership of the free world.

Failure to provide military assistance would weaken confidence in the United States and "would hearten those who seek by unremitting pressure to wear down overawe or overwhelm all who resist the imposition of an alien and abhorrent system".

Mr. Acheson indicated that in the first year about 350,000,000 dollars would go to non-Atlantic Treaty countries like Persia, the Philippines, Korea, Turkey and Greece.

Dealing with Senator Vandenberg's suggestion that the programme should be put on an interim basis, and the amount cut down, the Secretary of State insisted that the sum asked was the minimum.

In conclusion, he said if the United States did not help these countries to rearm "the comparative cost to us in the future years of preserving our own security will be considerably greater".

STATEMENT ON CHINA

Secretary of State Dean Acheson today promised the House Foreign Committee a "further statement of policy on China within a very short time," adds the U.P.A.

INDIA GETS ANOTHER DESTROYER

"Rajput" Joins R.I.N.

PORTSMOUTH, July 28. (P.T.I.-Reuter): The British destroyer "Rotherham" was today handed over to the Indian Navy and re-christened the "Rajput".

Towards the end of August she leaves for gunnery, torpedo and anti-submarine exercise in the Mediterranean.

India's two other destroyers the "Ranjit" transferred at the beginning of this month, and the "Rana", still being refitted will probably accompany her.

ITALIAN SENATORS' FREE FIGHT

'Reds' Call Govt. Members 'Assassins'

ROME, July 27 (PTI-Reuter): Two hundred Italian Senators fought a 20-minute free for all during a discusion tonight in the Chamber over the recent farmworkers strike. Communists and leftwing Socialists said Interior Minister Mario Scelba (Christian Democrat) had used "strong arm" tactics against the strikers.

The Minister declared these methods were necessary to counter Communist "terror squads" who had intimidated non-strikers.

Communist Senator Francesco Leone shouted "Scelba should go to hell". Other Communists began to chant "assassins, traitors" at Government supporters.

Anti-Red Front In Japan

LONDON (By Radio).—There is growing opposition in Japan to the activities of the Communist Party.

The Democratic Liberal Party has issued a statement declaring its intention of exposing and terminating the clandestine activities of the Japanese Communists. Kozen Kirokowa, Secretary General of the Party, declaring that it was time the Japanese put an end to "Communist activities", announced his complete support of the S.C.A.P. (Supreme Command of Allied Forces in the Pacific) statement accusing the Soviet Union of inciting "unruly minority elements" to violence.—L.P.S.

Pakistan Wants Preferential Dollar Treatment

KARACHI (UPA): The Chamber of Commerce, (Pakistan) has registered its objection to the reported discussions of "collective pooling and marketing of certain major dollar earning commodities" at the recent Commonwealth Finance Ministers Conference and called for preferential treatment for Pakistan in the Commonwealth dollar pool.

In a resolution, passed unanimously by the Executive Committee, the Chamber express its confidence in Finance Minister Ghulam Mohammad's plea on behalf of the cause of the underdeveloped countries of Asia but said, "The trade is emphatically of the view that under no circumstances should any other country, particularly India, have any voice in framing the fundamental policies governing the export trade of Pakistan. The Government of Pakistan, in whom, the people have their fullest confidence, must be the sole and final arbitrator of the ultimate decisions regarding policies of trade."

NORMAN COUSINS

Norman Cousins, editor of **America's** oldest literary magazine, **"The Saturday Review of Literature", is among** the 27 prominent **Americans who will** arrive in New Delhi on **August 12 as** members of the **World Town Hall** Seminar, the **globe-girdling tour** which is taking a **popular American** radio-programme to **the capitals of** 12 countries in 65 days. **Representing the United World Federalists, of** which he is **Vice-President, Cousins** will participate, **along with other members of the travelling panel, in a week of forums and round table discussions with prominent Indian Government and civic leaders. A "broadcast meeting", to be held in Delhi University's Convocation Hall on August 17, will be rebroadcast in the United States over 264 stations of the American Broadcasting Company.—U.S.I.S. Photo.**

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

NEW DELHI, July 28 (UPI) India's Constituent Assembly, which will meet on July 30 to conclude the second reading of the Draft Constitution, will dispose of non-controversial articles first.

The Congress party has decided to take up provision relating to the language, the national Anthem, the name of the country, and the flag on August 9 10 and 11.

Although the target date to finish the second reading of the Draft Constitution is August 15, it is considered extremely doubtful, if this programme could be adhered to.

EDUCATION IN HYGIENE

Bombay, Thursday: Presiding over the annual general meeting of the Bombay Sanitary Association this evening, Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, Minister for Public Health and Public Works to the Government of Bombay, appealed to the public and voluntary organisations to help the Association to carry on their good work of educating them their good work of educating the common people in social hygiene and public health.

Dr. Gilder said that Government had, no doubt, their own official machinery to carry on propaganda among the people in these matters. But, he said, non-official organisations and agencies could do much. Preservation of public health and fighting the high rate of mortality among the people of India could be done by non-official organisations, who could carry on propaganda through cinema slides and films and such other means.

BRITISH STRIKE

LONDON, July 28 (P.T.I.-Reuter): British railwaymen decided today to give the Government 21 days strike notice over a wages dispute affecting 95,000 workers. This averted the go-slow movement threat.

Collaboration Can Yield Dividends For Both

MRS. PANDIT INVITES U. S. BUSINESS TO INVEST CAPITAL IN INDIA

SAN FRANCISCO, July 28 (PTI-Reuter).

MRS. VIJAYALAXMI PANDIT, India's Ambassador to the United States, has invited American business to invest capital in India.

In a speech here, which ended her official visit to San Francisco, she told 700 business leaders that India had enormous resources for development.

Mrs. Pandit had a bad cold and spoke barely above a whisper at the meeting which was sponsored by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, the World Trade Association, and the World Affairs Council.

She said: "India and the United States have trade with each other for many decades to their mutual advantage. You are well aware of the rapid political changes that are taking place in Asia. Today India is the only country in that region which is politically and economically sound."

OPPORTUNITIES

Mrs. Pandit said the United States should be satisfied that India was a place offering opportunities for American collaboration in developing economy, but "the matter which claims first priority in India is that of raising the living standards of our people as rapidly as possible.

"Through our constitution, which is in the process of ratification by our Parliament the country has cast its vote for democracy in no uncertain terms.

"But unless a constitution is translated into the lives of the people through a substantial rise in their standard of living it will be meaningless."

"I feel that your collaboration with India can yield rich dividends for us both, not only in terms of dollars but in terms of human values which will preserve democracy and ensure peace and progress in Asia and the world."

"We are conscious of the fact that apart from machinery and technical know how from abroad, assistance must also come from private investment."

Quoting the words of Pandit Nehru, Indian Prime Minister, she said: "Indian capital needs to be supplemented by foreign capital not only because our national savings will not be enough for the rapid development of the country on a scale we wish, but also because, in many cases, scientific, technical and industrial knowledge and capital equipment can be secured with foreign capital.

REMITTANCE

"Our Government does not foresee any difficulty in continuing the existing facilities for the remittance of profits and has no intention of placing any restrictions on the withdrawal of foreign capital investment."

Mrs. Pandit said: "We have rich reserves of iron ore, coal, manganese, mica, lauxite, and numerous other metals and a tremendous potential of electric power in our great rivers."

She said India's textile industry ranked next to that of the United States and India had the largest steel industry in Asia. In the next five years, she said, it was planned to bring: 6,000,000 new acres under irrigation farming and develop more than 14,000,000 kilowatts of power. This meant India would be only behind the United States and Russia as the most electrified country.

SHAREHOLDERS AND THEIR POSITION

Amendments To Indian Companies Act

STOCK EXCHANGE SUGGESTIONS

The Bombay Stock Exchange in their memorandum to the Government of India on amendments to the Indian Companies Act have suggested that there shall be no restriction whatsoever on transfer of fully paid, shares, that directors shall not be empowered to require of a shareholder that he shall sell out his holdings, that there shall be no lien on fully paid shares, that preference shareholders shall have no right to vote except when dividend on them falls into arrears for more than six months, that the funds and the staff of the company shall not be employed in canvassing, collecting or securing proxies, that a company shall not issue more than two classes of shares—ordinary and preference and that the Government shall appoint an auditor in addition to the one appointed by the company.

ISSUE OF SHARE CERTIFICATES

Delay After Allotment

A share certificate constitutes evidence of the fact that a particular person is a shareholder and that he holds a certain number of shares.

Sometimes these share certificates are not issued at all and in almost all cases they are issued many months after the allotment is made. As a result, a shareholder desiring to dispose of his holdings is placed in difficulties. Therefore, it should be provided in the Act

(a) that share certificates shall be issued by the company in exchange for Allotment Letters within a reasonable time, say, a month or two of the date of allotment; and

(b) that when shares are lodged for registration, and where the transferee is approved by the company, the share certificates duly endorsed in the name of the transferee shall be delivered to him within three weeks of the date of lodgment.

Some companies insist that for purposes of registering a transfer the duly executed transfer deed must be accompanied by the share certificate itself and not by the Allotment Letter or Transfer or Split Receipt issued by the company. A few others further insist that the transfer deed itself should be in a particular form prescribed by their Articles of Association.

This creates difficulties where shares have been allotted but the share certificates not issued, or when shares are lodged for transfer or sub-division and the holder is in possession of the Transfer or Split Receipt but not of the certificate. In such cases the free and ready negotiability of shares is impaired and the shareholder is penalised for no fault of his own.

Allotment Letters and Transfer and Split Receipts are as good title deeds as share certificates and special forms of transfer have no advantage over the common form in general use. Therefore it is necessary to provide in the Act

(a) that a common form of transfer shall be accepted by all companies; and (b) that companies shall act on a transfer even when, instead of the share certificates, Allotment Letters or Company's Receipts puly discharged by the shareholders concerned are presented together with properly signed transfer deeds.

TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS

The Articles of Association of some companies require that a shareholder should notify them in advance and obtain their sanction before effecting a sale of his holdings. Others vest in the company an option to purchase the shares at a value to be arrived at on certain lines laid down in the Articles of Association.

Nearly all companies reserve the right to reject a transfer without assigning any cause or reason and more specifically where they do not approve of the transferee.

It is no doubt desirable that companies should have the right to disapprove the transferee where partly paid shares are concerned, but refusal of transfer in any other case and restrictions on transfer of the nature mentioned above have no justification.

If the investment habit is to spread and joint stock enterprise to be encouraged, free negotiability of shares should not be impaired. Accordingly, the Act should provide

(a) that there shal be no restriction whatsoever on transfer of fully paid shares; and (b) that in regard to partly paid shares, the restriction shall be limited to the one and only case where the transferee is not approved by the Board of Directors.

REGISTRATION OF TRANSFERS

Dilatoriness In Action

Most companies take a long time, and some an unreasonably long time, before passing on transfers lodged with them for registration. Sometimes registration is held up on account of objections raised by the transferor even though he fails to serve on the company a proper prohibitory order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

Such unnecessary delays and obstructions interfere with the marketability of shares and adversely affect the interests of investors. There is no valid cause for such dilatoriness in acting on bonafide transfers and it should be therefore provided in the Act

(a) that a company shall accept or reject a transfer and notify the transferer and transferee accordingly within two weeks of the date of lodgment of the documents;

(b) that where an objection is raised by the registered shareholder, it shall be obligatory on the company to proceed with the transfer unless a prohibitory order is served on the company within two weeks of the date of intimation to the transferer; and

(c) that share certificates accompanied by duly executed transfer deeds shall not be deemed to be goods in law but shall stand invested with all the attributes of a negotiable instrument.

BENAMI ACCOUNTS

Shares are frequently held in 'benami' accounts and in such cases the registered holder is not the real owner of the shares, but merely a nominee. The membership register therefore fails to disclose the names of the beneficial owners in whom the control of the company is actually vested.

The practice of placing shares in the names of nominees is resorted to not only for concealing the seat of control but also for certain other dubbious purposes. It is in the public interest that the real ownership should be disclosed and therefore it should be laid down in the Act

(a) that all transferees shall make a declaration whether they are the beneficial owners of the shares or holding them as nominees;

(b) that in case of nominee holdings the names of the persons for whom the nominee directly holds shall be disclosed and entered in a separate membership register; and

(c) that the beneficial owner shall also file with the company a declaration of ownership and notify any changes that may take place therein from time to time.

MANIPULATION OF SHARE PRICES

Advance Information

There are frequent complaints that share prices are manipulated by Directors and Managing Agents who make use of inside information relating to the company secured long in advance of the general body of shareholders. The practice of benami holdings acts as a screen for such activities.

It is obviously improper that Directors and Managing Agents should make use of their privileged position for farming out speculative profit at the expense of the investing public. Their personal conduct need not only be in fact above reproach but also must be seen to be above reproach.

All undesirable practices should be discouraged and the best safeguard against such improper transactions is to make it obligatory on the Directors and the Managing Agents to disclose to the company whatever purhcases and sales they may have entered into from time to time.

Such publicity and disclosure would itself act as a deterrent to improper conduct and manipulations by interested quarters would to some extent be checked. The Act should therefore provide.

(a) that a separate register recording such transactions with full particulars showing the number, description andi amount of any shares or debentures of the company or of any of its subsidiaries and their date and price shall be maintained;

(b) that such register shall be available for public inspection; and

(c) that a full statement of such dealings shall be included in the Annual Report furnished to the shareholders with any explanation the Directors and Managing Agents may desire to attach.

COMPULSORY ACQUISITION

Some companies empower the Board of Directors to buy out the shares of a shareholder, whether he is willing or not, at a price determined in terms of the provisions contained in the Articles of Association in that behalf.

As a result, if the Directors consider a shareholder to be troublesome, or feel that he is likely to prove obstreperous or dangerous to the interests they represent, they can remove him at their discretion so that he may not have a nuisance value.

All possibilities of forming an opposition to the vested interests can be thus nipped in the bud. Not many companies have this provision but in any event powers of compulsory acquisition are autocratic and should be forbidden by the Act. It should be therefore laid down

(a) that Directors shall not be empowered to require of a shareholder that he shall sell out his holdings; and (b) that a shareholder shall not be under an obligation to give to the company prior notice of sale.

LIEN ON SHARES

The Articles of Association of companies generally provide that they should have a lien on the shares of a shareholder if he fails to discharge any obligations, engagements, liabilities or debts due to the company. Such lien obstructs the negotiability and marketability of shares because a bonafide purchaser for value has no means of knowing at the time of purchase whether such lien has been made effective or not.

He receives apparently valid documents against payment of the price, but when the lien has been exercised, he is unable to secure registration in his name even though he has paid the consideration money and the transfer is in all respects in order. This is unfair and a real hardship is imposed upon the investor. The Act must therefore provide

(a) that there shall be no lien on fully paid shares; and (b) that in case of partly paid shares, the lien shall only extend to all monies called or payable at a fixed time in respect of such shares.

RIGHT TO ATTEND MEETINGS

None To Be Excluded

The Articles of Association of some companies impose undesirable restrictions on the right of shareholders to attend the meetings of the company. The shareholders are the proprietors of the company, and even when they are not entitled to vote, it is necessary that they should be fully informed of whatever is happening in regard to the company.

There is not the least reason why any shareholder or class of shareholders should be excluded from any meeting and this right should be secured by a proper provision in the Companies Act. It should be therefore prescribed in the Act.

(a) that notice of any general meeting shall be served on all shareholders, whether they have the right to vote or not, and (b) that all shareholders shall be entitled to attend any general meeting of the company, irrespective of their class or voting rights.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Shareholders can exercise control over Directors only if they are able to use their powers at meetings. The Act requires that atleast fourteen days' notice is necessary for calling any meeting other than a meeting for the passing of an extraordinary or a special resolution.

The Articles of Association of almost all companies do not require any longer period of notice and as a result the shareholders have no time to organise themselves. The difficulty is the greater in that the proxies have to be lodged atleast seventy-two hours before the meeting.

The election of Directors, the adoption of the Directors' Report and accounts and the appointment of auditors are important questions and it should be therefore provided

(a) that an annual general meeting, and more so extraordinary meetings, shall be called only after twenty-one days' notice, a shorter notice being permissible only if a majority in number together holding not less than 95 per cent. of the share capital agrees to such waiver; and

(b) that where an annual general meeting is not held in accordance with law, the Registrar shall on the application of any member direct the calling of a general meeting and give such consequential and ancillary directions as he may deem expedient including directions modifying or supplementing the operation of the Company's Articles of Association regarding the calling, holding and conduct of meetings.

COMMUNICATION

As the shareholders of a company a small group which has collectively but a small stake in the capital of the company compared to the other shareholders.

The shareholders who supply the bulk of the capital and take the real risk are disenfranchised from the very start. They have no means of protecting their interest. Their capital and their undertaking is at the absolute mercy of a small coterie which does not hesitate to wield its overwhelming voting strength to perpetuate itself in power and to exploit the property of the shareholders to its own selfish advantage.

This evil must be checked. That can be done by providing in the Act that voting power should be directly proportionate to the risk capital subscribed.

FILCHING VOTES

However, what the voting rights of the Preference shareholders should be is a question. Attempts have been made to filch votes by issuing Preference shares with full-fledged voting power but carrying such low fixed interest yield as to offer no attraction to ordinary shareholders.

Such Preference shares have been then allotted by the Managing Agents to themselves on the elaborate pretence that they are prepared to subscribe capital at very low rates of interest. The underlying motive is of course to secure a majority of votes.

To put an end to monopoly control, self-aggrandisement and the ruthless exploitation of shareholders which are such objectionable features of company managements today, there should be a statutory provision in the Act

(a) that Preference shareholders shall have no right to vote except (i) when the dividend on Preference shares falls into arrears for more than six months: (ii) when a resolution affecting the rights, privileges or interests of Preference shareholders is considered; and (iii) when a resolution for the winding up of the company is considered in any one of which events they shall have a voting right proportionate to the amount of capital subscribed; and

(b) that equity shareholders shall have in all cases a voting right directly proportionate to the capital subscribed.

PROXY SYSTEM OF VOTING

Freedom Of Appointment

The system of proxies enables shareholders to express themselves on questions to be decided at a meeting which they are not in a position to attend. With the wide diffusion of ownership of shares, the shareholders of a company belong to different parts of the country and in the majority of cases it is neither convenient nor feasible for them to be present whenever a meeting is held.

While the proxy system is not objectionable in itself, experience shows that it has been put to objectionable uses. The Articles of Association of almost all companies empower managements to canvass proxies at the expense of the company.

It is a costly and laborious task to collect proxies and the Directors and Managing Agents find themselves well placed in the matter. They make use of the services of the staff of the company and its funds for procuring proxies in their favour, whereas those who are opposed to them have no such facilities.

DISCRIMINATION.

Thus one set of shareholders is discriminated against in favour of the other, and in fact the party in power, which is the stronger by reason of its entrenched position, becomes almost irremovable on account of the difficulty and expense involved in organising an effective opposition.

It is therefore necessary to provide that the funds and the staff of the company should not be employed in canvassing, collecting or securing proxies from shareholders.

To prevent abuse, it should be also provided that any shareholder would be entitled to examine and question the validity of proxies lodged with the company which should be available for inspection atleast one day prior to the date of the meeting.

Where a nominee is the registered holder in respect of shares belonging to more than one beneficial owner, as is the case with holdings in the names of Banks, and some owners wish to vote in one direction and others in the other, a difficult position arises. The legal doubt that now exists whether a shareholder can cast some of his votes for the resolution and some against or use only a part of the votes to which he is entitled should be removed.

NON-MEMBER PROXIES

As shareholders frequently do not know each other and it is difficult to consult the shareholders' register for finding out the names of those who are known, it is a hardship to insist, as the Articles of Association of almost all Companies insist, that only a shareholder of the company can be appointed as a proxy.

Such a restriction also prevents the shareholder from nominating a non-member even when he feels that such non-member is the most suitable person to represent him. It should be therefore provided in law that a shareholder has the right to appoint anyone he chooses, whether a member of the company or not, as his proxy and that such proxy shall be entitled to speak as well as vote in the same manner and to the same extent as the member whom he represents.

In order that the shareholders may know and exercise their rights, a clear statement regarding proxies should be included in notices convening meetings. A greater advance in the matter of making the control of shareholders over Directors more effective would be secured by making the "two-way proxy" system obligatory.

If this system is adopted, except in regard to the routine business transacted at annual general meetings, the stamped proxy forms sent out to shareholders should be so worded that a shareholder may either vote for the resolutions or against them according to his judgment.

This is, in effect, a system of voting by referendum and much to be desired in that it tends to strengthen the control of shareholders over the affairs of the company. The Act should therefore provide.

(a) that the funds and the staff of the company shall not be employed in canvassing, collecting or securing proxies;

(b) that proxies shall be so worded that a shareholder may either vote for a resolution or against it;

(c) that any person, whether a member of the company or not, can be appointed by a shareholder as his proxy with full right to speak, vote as well as ask for a poll at the meeting;

(d) that a shareholder shall have the right to give or to direct a proxy to give some of his votes for and others against a resolution or to abstain as regards any portion of his votes;

(e) that a statement setting out the rights of shareholders regarding proxies shall be attached to all notices convening meetings;

(f) that proxies shall not be required to be lodged earlier than forty-eight hours before the time for holding the meeting to which it relates; and

(g) that proxies lodged with the company shall be open for inspection by shareholders atleast twenty-four hours before the time of the meeting.

RIGHTS AS REGARD DIVIDENDS

Preferential Treatment

As is the case with voting rights, special classes of shares like deferred, promoters' and founders' shares are issued by many companies with disproportionate rights as regards dividends, distribution of surplus assets on the winding up of the company, and preferential allotment in the matter of new issues.

These rewards and rights have little relation to the risk undertaken or the capital invested by the holders of these shares who in the first instance are mostly promoters, managing agents, directors and their friends. Such extravagant provisions are unwarranted and inequitable from the point of view of the ordinary shareholders who supply the bulk of the capital and shoulder most of the risk.

The rights and privileges attached to these special classes of shares are essentially predatory in character. There is no justification for their existence in the capital structure of a company and they should be eliminated as has already been done in the case of Banks.

MASQUERADING

Deferred and promoters' shares frequently masquerade under fanciful names like founders' shares, Ordinary A & B shares and in many hybrid forms, but whatever the designation, their issue should be proscribed. The Act should therefore provide

(a) that a company shall not issue more than two classes of shares, one ordinary and the other Preference;

(b) that in regard to Ordinary shares, the right to dividend shall be proportionate to the paid up capital and the right to allotment of new issues or other benefits to subscribe for and to distribution of surplus or shortfall on the winding up of the company shall be strictly proportionate not to the paid-up capital but to the nominal capital subscribed; and

(c) that in regard to Preference shares, there shall be a preferential right for payment of a fixed cumulative or non-cumulative dividend and/or for repayment of the nominal capital subscribed without any right to share in the surplus on winding up: provided however that where the preference shares are quoted at a premium, no resolution for voluntary winding-up shall be effective.

(i) unless the resolution is adopted by the Preference shareholders in a separate class meeting; or (ii) unless, where such adoption is unreasonably withheld, the court agrees to such winding up on the basis of any undertaking to pay to the dissentient Preference shareholders such consideration, if any, which the court deems fair and proper.

OPTIONS AND NEW ISSUES

Prejudicial To Public

The Articles of Association of some companies empower the Directors to grant options to any party to subscribe to the company's share capital in the future at a price determined in advance.

Obviously such options would be exercised if they are to the advantage of the parties concerned, as happens when the shares of the company are quoted at a premium above the agreed price. Frequently the Articles themselves create a charge on new issues by prescribing that a certain proportion must be offered in the first instance to certain parties on certain terms.

Options and liens of this nature are clearly prejudicial to the interests of the shareholders. The Act should therefore provide

(a) that no option or lien shall be granted in respect of any future issues and other rights, privileges or benefits to subscribe to created by the company; and

(b) that all such issues and other rights, privileges or benefits to subscribe to created by the company shall, unless otherwise directed by a special resolution of the company in general meeting duly approved by Government, be offered in the first instance pro rata exclusively to the equity shareholders only who should be given reasonable time to record their interest and exercise their rights.

DEBENTURES

Debentures which carry the right to vote or to conversion into shares or to allotment in the case of a new issue directly affect the rights and privileges of existing shareholders. The position of shareholders may be easily jeopardised if there is a large issue of such debentures by the Directors. It is therefore necessary to provide..

(a) that debentures carrying the right to vote or conversion into shares shall not be issued without the previous consent of the company in general meeting; and

(b) that, for the protection of debenture holders, no person who has interests liable to conflict with those of the debenture-holders shall be eligible to act as a debenture-director or as a debenture-trustee, who shall be held subject to civil liability which cannot be saved or diminished by any indemnity agreement to the contrary if he be guilty of neglect, default or breach of duty.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Very few companies send to their shareholders periodical statements or reports showing the progress made from time to time. Details of expenses of production, selling and distribution, administration and management and figures relating to production, output, turnover, sales and such like information are essential for assessing the position of the company at any given time. It therefore seems desirable

(a) that there should be some provision for keeping the shareholders posted by means of periodical statements and reports; and

(b) that such statements and reports should convey such information in an easily assimilable form.

WINDOW-DRESSING IN REPORTS

Vague Expressions

Shareholders are the owners of the company. They are divorced from the management and have little knowledge of its day-to-day affairs. The one occasion every year when they have an opportunity of reviewing the working of the company and calling for material information is when the Directors' Report and Balance Sheet are presented for adoption at the annual general meeting.

Therefore the annual report and more particularly the balance sheet are of crucial importance. Unfortunately, in many cases they are prepared more with a view to conceal than reveal the true and correct position of the company's affairs.

There is elaborate window-dressing, and blanket classifications allow no more than a peep at what is behind the scenes. For example, investments are valued in varied terms like "at cost or as revalued" or "as certified and valued by the Managing Agents" or "at book value".

Such vague expressions convey little useful information. Similarly, the investments made by the company are not fully disclosed and the shareholders are left in the dark as to what the actual holdings of the company are, what their true value is and what loss the company has sustained or is likely to sustain as a result of such investment.

FICTITIOUS VALUATION.

Loans and advances are treated in the same fashion. Often there is no indication whether the depreciation provided is adequate or not and what the tax liability of the company is likely to be. There are sometimes fictitious valuations of stocks and many important details are distorted or concealed in the same fashion.

Similarly, it is not obligatory on the Auditors to certify the trading, profit and loss or income and expenditure account. The methods now in vogue of presenting the accounts leave much to be desired. It is therefore necessary to provide in the Act

(a) that proper books of accounts shall be kept showing (i) all sums of money received and expended with explanatory notes; (ii) all purchases and sales; and (iii) all assets and liabilities and books shall not be deemed to be so kept if the company does not maintain such books as are necessary to give a true and fair view of the company's affairs and to explain its transactions;

(b) that, to prevent inter-mingling, inter-locking and mischievous window-dressing activities, the accounts of all companies shall close at the end of the financial year ending the 31st of December (or the 31st of March);

(c) that the balance sheet certified by the auditors shall be in a standard from showing exhaustive and detailed heads under which should appear the share capital, reserves, provisions, liabilities and separately distinguished fixed and floating assets of the company with a note on how the values of the fixed assets and investments have been arrived at and specially indicating where the current assets have not a value at least equal to the value stated: and on the

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES side

giving full particulars regarding the authorised, issued, subscribed and paid-up capital in its various classes and categories; the capital redemption reserve funds; capital reserves, whether created for a specific purpose or not but not retained for that purpose as on the date of the balance sheet, and not regarded as free for distribution through the profit and loss account; other such capital reserves regarded as free for distribution: share premium reserve: provisions set aside out of reserve or surplus for meeting specific liabilities, contingencies or commitments known to exist as at the date of the balance sheet: bank loans and overdrafts, secured and unsecured; and other outstanding liabilities, differentiating between debts on trading and non-trading account and those due to subsidiaries, directors, managing agents and others: and on the

ASSETS side particulars of the cost or valuation of the fixed assets under each head with the relative renewals and accumulated depreciation amount provided or written off; separate values of goodwill, patents, trade marks and other intangible assets; deferred revenue expenditure not written off as on the date of the balance sheet, differentiating between commission on shares and debentures, cost of issue of shares and debentures, discount on debentures and preliminary expenses; the value of investments in subsidiaries, of other trade investments, of other quoted investments and of other unquoted investments with separate schedules giving details of each with their purchase cost, their book value and their current estimated or market value; the nominal amount of any of its own debentures held otherwise than in the redemption account; debts due by subsidiaries, employees of the company and others differentiating between those due on trading and non-trading account; and other assets like stock-in-trade and work-in-progress with details of its valuation;

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT

(d) that the profit and loss or income and expenditure account certified by the auditors shall give a true and fair disclosure of the earnings or income of the accounting period showing exhaustive and detailed heads under which should appear the

TRADING, MANUFACTURING AND PRODUCTION ACCOUNT, each giving full particulars regarding, for example, the direct charges like cost of principal raw materials under separate heads and productive or manufacturing wages; indirect charges like factory rent and works salaries; cost of goods purchased and sale proceeds, separately classified according to principal goods and products: and a

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT with similar full particulars differentiating between selling and distribution expenses, management expenses, financial expenses; directors' fees and other compensations; interest on fixed loans and debentures; the tax liability with a schedule showing its incidence for the period and its distribution in various categories; depreciation provision for fixed assets; provision

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COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF SHARES

companies have this provision but in any event powers of compulsory acquisition are autocratic and should be forbidden by the Act. It should be therefore laid down

(a) that Directors shall not be empowered to require of a shareholder that he shall sell out his holdings; and (b) that a shareholder shall not be under an obligation to give to the company prior notice of sale.

LIEN ON SHARES

The Articles of Association of companies generally provide that they should have a lien on the shares of a shareholder if he fails to discharge any obligations, engagements, liabilities or debts due to the company. Such lien obstructs the negotiability and marketability of shares because a bonafide purchaser for value has no means of knowing at the time of purchase whether such lien has been made effective or not.

He receives apparently valid documents against payment of the price, but when the lien has been exercised, he is unable to secure registration in his name even though he has paid the consideration money and the transfer is in all respects in order. This is unfair and a real hardship is imposed upon the investor. The Act must therefore provide

(a) that there shall be no lien on fully paid shares; and (b) that in case of partly paid shares, the lien shall only extend to all monies called or payable at a fixed time in respect of such shares.

RIGHT TO ATTEND MEETINGS

None To Be Excluded

The Articles of Association of some companies impose undesirable restrictions on the right of shareholders to attend the meetings of the company. The shareholders are the proprietors of the company, and even when they are not entitled to vote, it is necessary that they should be fully informed of whatever is happening in regard to the company.

There is not the least reason why any shareholder or class of shareholders should be excluded from any meeting and this right should be secured by a proper provision in the Companies Act. It should be therefore prescribed in the Act.

(a) that notice of any general meeting shall be served on all shareholders, whether they have the right to vote or not, and (b) that all shareholders shall be entitled to attend any general meeting of the company, irrespective of their class or voting rights.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Shareholders can exercise control over Directors only if they are able to use their powers at meetings. The

APPOINTMENT OF NON-MEMBER AS PROXY

VOTING RIGHTS OF SHAREHOLDERS

Concentrated In A Group

The shareholders supply the capital of the company but they have no direct voice in its affairs until the time comes for them to vote. The right to vote is therefore an important privilege. It is both reasonable and just that those who have contributed more capital and assumed more risk should have a larger say when deciding any question that affects the company.

In other words, the voting power should be strictly in proportion to the capital subscribed. Unfortunately, in the present state of affairs, the position is exactly the reverse. The vendors, promoters, Managing Agents and Directors who float a company and secure public capital find it in their own interest to maintain monopoly control.

Voting power is therefore disassociated from the capital subscribed. Various classes of shares are created, e.g., deferred and promoter' shares, and they are endowed with a voting power out of all preportion to their nominal value.

These shares are allotted to vendors, promoters, managing agents, directors and their friends and associates. A major part of the voting power is thus concentrated in the hands of

AMENDMENTS TO INDIAN COMPANIES ACT

Stock Exchange Suggestions

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or share and debenture redemption accounts; amounts appropriated to other reserves; amounts set aside for specific liabilities, contingencies or commitments, income or loss from subsidiaries; income or loss from trade investments; income or loss from other than trade investments, amounts drawn from reserves or other accumulated provisions, and material profits or losses of non-current or exceptional nature or arising out of transactions of a sort not usually undertaken by the company or arising out of any change in the basis of accounting;

(e) that the balance sheet and the profit and loss or income and expenditure account shall have parallel columns setting out corresponding figures for the immediately preceding accounting period;

MODIFICATIONS

(f) That the form (but not the substance) of the required accounts may be modified by the Registrar General on the application or with the consent of a Company's Directors in order that it may be better adapted to the circumstances of the company for the purpose of giving a true and fair view of the company's profit and loss and of the state of its affairs;

(g) That the annual report shall contain or annex statements regarding the opinion of directors whether the value of the company's assets appearing in the Balance Sheet is or is not atleast equal to the value realisable in the ordinary course of business; the general nature and estimates of material contingent liabilities; the amount or estimates of material capital expenditure not covered by the Balance Sheet, details of options over the company's share capital, the exchange basis adopted for conversion of foreign assets into Rupees; the basis on which depreciation, taxation and other provisions are calculated with details of any material change made in such basis during the accounting period; the basis of valuation of stock and other assets with details of any material change made in such basis during the accounting period; information in respect of extraneous or non-recurrent transactions of an exceptional character, particulars of arrears of fixed dividends on any class of shares, particulars relating to dividends paid on different classes of shares during the preceding five years; and particulars relating to interim dividends paid or dividends recommended for the year with a note whether they are subject to or free of income-tax.

(h) That the annual report, balance sheet and profit and loss or income and expenditure account shall be forwarded to all shareholders not less than twenty-one days before the date of the annual general meeting, and [illegible]

(i) That failure to comply with the prescribed requirements regarding accounts shall render directors and managing agents liable on conviction to six months' imprisonment if they have been wilful or otherwise to a fine upto Rs. 5,000 unless they prove that they had reasonable grounds to believe and did believe that a competent and reliable person was charged with the duty of complying with the provisions and requirements and that such person was in a position to discharge that duty

PARTIALITY OF THE AUDITORS

Latitude Extended

Auditors are the watchdogs of shareholders. They must bring to the notice of the general body any facts which require special attention and any irregularity or errors committed by the management in administering the affairs of the company.

Unfortunately, in not a few cases, the auditors fail in their duty to the shareholders by certifying accounts and balance sheets without proper examination and qualification. The partiality of the auditors to the management can be understood from the fact that their appointment is largely dependent upon the Managing Agents and the Board of Directors.

As a result, there is a great deal of latitude in the presentation of final accounts and such connivance is hardly in the interests of the shareholders. The provision in law that the auditor shall certify, among other things, whether the balance sheet reflects the correct position of the company "as shown by the books of the company" makes it possible for auditors to certify that the final accounts are properly drawn up even when the company's affairs are incompletely revealed by its books.

Such phrases as the one referred to should be deleted from the auditor's certificate: otherwise the letter of the law is formally fulfilled and at the same time the shareholders are successfully kept in the dark on points of importance relating to the company and the management of its affairs, knowledge of which would enable them to chalk out future policies and enter into immediate action wherever necessary.

ROTATION

It is difficult for the shareholders to appoint their own nominee as an auditor. The concentration of voting power and the expense, labour and difficulty involved in organising widely scattered voting power effectively prevent shareholders from expressing themselves on an appointment of key importance.

In the circumstances, the solution of the problem lies in rotation of auditors and independent nomination. This would safeguard shareholders and act as a check on inefficient, irresponsible and autocratic management. Therefore, the Act should provide.

(a) that Government shall appoint an auditor in addition to the one appointed by the company except in cases where Government is of the opinion that the company is not of sufficient magnitude or public importance;

(b) that no auditor shall hold office for a continuous period of more than, say, three years;

(c) that every auditor shall have a right of access at all times to the books, returns, accounts and vouchers of the Company, and shall be entitled to require from the directors, managing agents and officers of the company such information and explanation as are in his opinion necessary for the performance of his duties.

(d) that the auditors shall certify in each case (i) whether in their opinion proper books of account have been kept; (ii) whether or not they have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of their knowledge and belief were necessary for purposes of audit; (iii) whether the balance sheet and profit and loss or income and expenditure account are in agreement with the books, accounts and returns and whether in their opinion and to the best of their information and according to the explanations given to them the accounts are drawn up in accordance with the law and exhibit a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the date of the balance sheet and of the profit or loss or net income or net expenditure for the accounting period; and

(iv) whether the Directors' Report is true and correct in respect of those matters which concern them as auditors;

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

(e) that the auditors shall receive all notices and communications which members of the company are entitled to receive and shall attend all general meetings of the company and make at the meeting any statement or explanation, verbal or written, they desire to submit or are asked in the meeting to submit in regard to any part of the business of the meeting which concerns them as auditors.

(f) that when a retiring auditor is superseded he may make with respect to such supersession representations in writing to the company and require their notification to members without prejudice to his right to be heard orally on the subject at the time of the meeting;

(g) that an auditor who has resigned his office during an accounting year shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as if he were an auditor retiring at the end of that year;

(h) that if an auditor does not discharge his duty and as a result acts are done by which the company suffers damage he shall be personally liable and the bonus shall be on him to prove that the damage was not the result of any breach of duty on his part; and

(i) that if an auditor wilfully makes a statement false in any material particular knowing it to be false, he shall be liable on conviction to simple or rigorous imprisonment not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding Rs. 5,000 or to both.

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TRACTOR INVENTOR'S CASE AGAINST FORD II

NEW YORK, July 27 (UPA)—The Ford Motor Company and Henry Ford II, its president said today that the dol. 251,100,000 damage suit filed against them by Harry Ferguson, Irish-born Detroit inventor, was "fantastic."

Ford and his company filed an amended answer in the Federal Court to the suit which charged them with patent infringement. The said Ferguson had claimed damage "in such fantastic amount to make the suit one of the largest civil actions in history with the intent of creating a news item of world-wide public interest which would give the widest possible sort of circulation to his false, defamatory and libelous statement."

They asked that Ferguson's suit be dismissed. Ferguson had charged that the present Ford management had broken all agreements he had with the late Henry Ford, the founder of the motor empire. He claimed that the elder Ford had paid him royalties for the use of Ferguson tractor patents on Ford tractors.

In their answer, Ford and the company said Ferguson had only an oral agreement with the elder Ford regarding distribution of Ford tractors by a company that was to be formed. They said that an oral agreement could be ended at any time by either party. The answer also said that many of the Ferguson patents had expired before January 1, 1947, and charged that Ferguson had entered on a "malicious campaign" to injure the business of the Ford Company. In an attempt to monopolize the manufacture and distribution of tractors using hydraulically controlled implements, Ferguson was also charged in the answer with circulating libelous statements about the Ford Motor Company and its executives.

SLUMP IN BRITISH GOVT. SECURITIES

Investors' Concern Over Economic Position

LONDON, July 27. (PTI-Reuter): British Government Securities, slumping sharply today showed an estimated aggregate paper loss of 150,000,000 pounds.

The total loss so far this week was estimated at 300,000,000, additional to the very big losses earlier this year.

One Government Stock (funding three per cents) slumped by more than fifty shillings today, an almost unprecedented loss for any Government stock in one day.

Selling of gilt-edged extended to all domestic issues, including British Industrials, shipping shares, and bank and insurance shares which are akin to gilt-edged.

Today break in industrial shares was the sharpest for about a month.

These declines were ascribed specifically to investors preference of need for money instead of securities and more generally to concern over Britain's economic position.

Bevin's Pride Is America's Shame

WASHINGTON, July 27 (UPA)—Republican Representative John Taber said from the floor of the House of Representatives that British Foreign Secretary Bevin recently pointed out "with pride" that the United States was following Britain's example of becoming a "socialist welfare state."

He said, "I repeat it with a feeling of shame that what failed in Britain is now regarded as necessary for America."

Taber, who is the ranking minority member of the House Appropriations Committee, said if the United States becomes a welfare state national economy will be lowered to a point where "not Britain alone but two nations—Britain and U.S.—may go down together."

ARTICLES REMOVED FROM O. G. L.XV

NEW DELHI, July 28.

The Government of India has decided to exclude art silk yarn, cotton twist, yarn and thread cotton fabrics, woollen fabrics, woollen hosiery, fruits of all sorts (excluding coconuts and cashew nuts but including dates), wood and timber and a few other items including spices from the scope of Open General License No. XV.

Imports of some of these items have been heavy in recent months and, having regard to India's present balance of payments position, it has been found necessary to take this decision. A notification giving effect to it is published in a Gazette of India Extraordinary dated July 28, 1949 and may be referred to for full list of commodities affected. Shipments made on or before August 13, 1949 will be allowed clearance without license.

Where firm commitments covered by irrevocable letters of credit have been made in respect of goods of a category now removed from the O. G. L. which cannot be shipped before August 13, applications for special licences for their import should be made to the Chief Controller of Imports (O. G. L. Concessions), New Delhi, so as to reach him on or before August 22, 1949

Special licences will be issued only where irrevocable letters of credit have been opened on or before July 27, 1949 for shipment beyond that date, and importers should apply for these licences in the form prescribed in Appendix 'C' attached to the Commerce Ministry Public Notice No. 1 (11)-ITC/49, dated June 1, 1949, producing a certificate from the exchange bank concerned showing the number, date, amount and validity period of such letters of credit. The bank certificates should also show by whom and in whose favour such letters of credit have been opened and what portion, if any, has been used for shipments on or before August 12, 1949.

These special licences will be valid for shipments only during the validity of the letter of credit. No permission will be given for extension of the period of vaudity of a letter of credit or to permit shipment after the expiry of the date of the letter of credit. No period of grace will be allowed against these special licences.

Articles now removed from O. G. L. will continue to be licensed during July-December 1949 subject to monetary ceilings which will be fixed for the purpose after account has been taken of imports in recent months and the quantity to be covered by special licences. Applications for ordinary licences for that period should be made after the licensing instructions are announced in the usual manner.

Singapore Asks For More Gunny Bags

SINGAPORE, July 28 (PTI): The Secretary of State for Colonies has informed the Singapore Government that representations have been made to the Government of India to give favourable and special consideration to grant of allocation of gunny bags for Malaya and Singapore to cover both internal and entreport needs of Malaya cables K. N. Ramanathan, Press Trust of India Correspondent.

This statement was made on behalf of the Singapore Government in the Legislative Council in reply to questions by Mr. R. Jumabhoy, member of the Indian Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Jumabhoy in his question had stated that he understood the Government of India was willing to allow export of gunnies to Malaya provided the Malayan Government undertook not to allow any re-export of any part of the Malayan quota to countries other than British Malaya including Borneo and Sarawak.

AMERICA IS READY TO INVEST

3,000 Million Dollar Target A Year

NEW YORK, July 28 (P.T.I.): Indian Businessmen here are closely watching a growing demand by organised American industry for a bilateral trade treaty between America and any specific country that would serve as a pattern for all countries wishing to entertain American investments, writes D. P. Wagle, P.T.I. representative at the United Nations headquarters.

With American capital bestirring itself to explore the foreign investment field, American industry wants such a treaty to be negotiated without delay. American capital is said to be ready to invest as much as 2,000 million dollars a year in foreign countries provided a favourable "political and economic climate" is created in the recipient countries and India has already given assurances which are calculated to meet these American requirements.

So far as the American Government is concerned, it has on the anvil, at present, legislation to guarantee American private capital, newly invested in productive enterprise abroad, against some of the risks "peculiar to such investments". It is also studying possible changes in the United States tax laws to encourage further the flow of capital abroad.

But one current snag is the charge that guarantees to new investments proposed by the United States Government would "discriminate against old investments". The national association of manufacturers here, for instance, objects to these guarantees being limited to new enterprises only. According to this association, a trade treaty to encourage capital to go abroad should contain the following.

DOLLAR AID TO BACKWARD COUNTRIES

GENEVA, July 28, (PTI-Reuter): India today stressed the "vital importance" of good administration of the proposed 26 million dollar United Nations plan to aid backward countries.

The Indian delegate, Mr. M. J. Desai told the 18-nation Economic and Social Council at its session here: "Both in the national and international programmes of economic and social development, the most important limiting factor in the effective execution of these programmes is the quality of the administration."

Mr. Desai was speaking in a debate on international measures for training public administration officials.

He said the only remedy was to pool the experience of the world's public administrators, and to learn from their successes or failures.

The Indian delegate supported a scheme for setting up international seminars and centres for training in public administration.

"This is the quickest way to train competent administrators, as we cannot at this stage afford to undertake costly experiments and fail."

GLEANINGS FROM URDU PRESS

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the Government on the contrary are determined to profiteer by selling wheat at the rate of Rs. 17 per maund."—The daily "Ansari" of Delhi.

Sheikh Sadiq Husain, Chairman of the West Punjab Unemployment Committee, at a press conference urged on the Government to set up an Industrial Planning Committee, which will consider the ways and means to industrialise the country, so that unemployment may be ended. He has also emphasised that cottage industries should be developed

Big factories for manufacture of arms should be established and heavy chemical industries be encouraged. He deplored the news that Pakistan is lacking capital. The thing is that people keep away from investing money in big industries.

He criticised the import policy of the Government and demanded its revision.—The daily "Ansari" of Delhi.

It is reported that, for the last seven months, Chittagong harbour and its surrounding area has been under survey by the engineers appointed by the East Bengal Government. An area of about 45 miles, including the city and its outskirts, has already been surveyed. Four months ago, aerial view of an area covering 80 miles was taken.

Land survey is being conducted to examine the aerial view. It is further learnt that negotiations with the Central Government are being conducted for the necessary materials in connection with the building of aerodrome extension of harbour, railway marshalling yard, dockyard, customs area, etc.—The daily "Hind" of Calcutta.

Under the caption "After Golwalkar Tara Singh will follow", the daily "Azad" of Calcutta editorially writes that the progressive circles of the well-wishers of the country have not viewed with satisfaction the lifting of ban from the R.S.S. They consider the action of the Government deplorable, and think that Sevak Sangh will prove dangerous to the secular character of the state, even if the Sangh confines its activities to social and cultural fields.

A responsible person thinks that the Congress will now have to combat two-prolonged attacks one from the Communists and the other from the Sanghis. Both these organisations believe in creating anarchy, unrest and riots. Commenting on these views, the paper writes that the views as expressed by the responsible person carry weight and in view of this, the step taken by the Government is deplorable.

The ban having been lifted from the Sangh and its organiser released, the question of the release of Master Tara Singh, the Akali leader has come up. The view is gaining ground that he will also be released shortly. If Master Tara Singh is released, the communalists will have full opportunity to diffuse their influence. The move to declare the Sangh a legal body will bear bad result. Now all the evil forces suppressed by law so far, will lift their heads again.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON OCTOBER

NEW YORK, July 28.

Previous closing	29.62
Today's opening	29.62
Difference	Nil.
Today's closing	29.74
Difference	+12

LAST QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, July 28.

Silver Bullion	Rs. 163 12 0
Silver Mint	Rs. 164 0 0
Gold Ready	Rs. 113 10 0
Sovereign	Rs. 74 2 0

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, July 28.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices.

Anaconda Copper Mining unquoted.
General Motors 62.
U. S. Steel common 23 3 8.
U. S. Steel preference unquoted.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Dull Trend

LONDON, July 28 (PTI-Reuter):—British Government stocks again dominated attention on the London Stock Exchange to-day. Heavy and occasional panic-selling at the start of dealing touched off fresh declines of around one per cent. Later, however, prices rallied and dealing conditions became steadier on a stream of small buying orders which included a fair amount of bear covering. Prices on balance showed some irregularity, small losses were commonplace but there was an occasional fractional gain.

Other domestic issues were unsettled by conditions prevailing in Gilt-edged. Industrials were marked lower but this action was arrested and values remained steady following a rally in funds.

Bright spots were few and far between but were occasionally shown by oils. Anglo-Iranian closed firm at seven and nine-sixteenths.

Foreign rails and bonds were steady but idle after some irregularity and uncertainty. South African minings closed with a slightly easier tendency.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET
(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, July 28.

From beginning of the session there was a selling pressure of bears. Ultimately with absence of buyers market closed with weak tone.

Fluctuations: Calico opened 972 lowest 957.

Arvind opened 1381 lowest 1367.

Ambica opened 336 lowest 332.

Deferred opened 1220 highest 1223 lowest 1213.

Closing quotations: Calico 957 Deferred 1218 Arvind 1370 Ambika 333 Ashok 602/8 Rohit 103/12 Atul 30 Kaiser-i-Hind 170 (xd) Mahalaxmi 392/8.

INDORE SHARE MARKET
(From Our Correspondent)

INDORE, July 28.

Closing quotations:—

Indore Malwa 110 Hukumchand 437 Bhandari Mill 556 Vinod Mill 255 Kalyanmal 90 Kalyanmal preference 94 Rajkumar 91 Indore Bank 55.

On Indore Bullion Exchange forward gold opened 112/11/0 but due to lack of support from purchasers the market showed weaker tendency. After touching 111/5/0 the market improved following receipt of encouraging reports from Bombay. When gold market closed at 4-30 p.m. the quotation was 112/11/0.

BONUS IN SAVINGS CERTIFICATES

Over 30% Accept

BOMBAY, Thursday (U.P.I.): Over 30 per cent. of the textile workers, in the city have agreed to accept the second instalment of the 4-1/2 months' bonus due to them, partly in National Savings Certificates it is understood.

The average amount of bonus due to each worker is Rs. 174, half of which has been already received by them in cash. A third of the remaining amount, according to an ordinance issued by the Government of India, will be paid to the workers in National Savings Certificates, in the second and last instalment.

It is stated that a little over 30 per cent. of the workers who are members of the Hindustan Mazdoor Sangh (affiliated to the Indian National Trade Union Congress) have decided not to respond to the call for strike by agreeing to accept a part of the bonus in Saving Certificates.

Nearly 5,000 workers have already received both the instalments last week while an equal number of workers belonging to the Kohinoor and Seksaria Mills have accepted the entire bonus amount in the last two days.

MOVEMENT OF MANGANESE

Facilities For Party Offering Ore For Loading

NEW DELHI, July 28 (UPI): In addition to the special facilities recently announced by Government of India for the movement of manganese ore, which is intended for export, from the Central Provinces to Bombay, it has been decided, says a press note to offer facilities to any party offering ore for loading to Bombay port and give licences to export for any destination on the ore arriving at the port. This arrangement will be in force only up to the end of August.

RANGOON, July 28, (PTI-Reuter): The Burma Oil Company today announced settlement of Rs. 275,000 in pay and allowances to 2,000 Burmese and Indian workers at the Yenang-Yaung oilfields, 360-miles north-west of here.

Local disturbances forced the company to close down the oilfields early this month.

WALL STREET MARKET IRREGULAR

NEW YORK, July 27.

In the Stock Exchange, attempts to extend the summer recovery beyond yesterday's new peaks were frustrated by steady profit-taking and other offerings that brought a very slight majority of mostly fractional losses although many group trends were vague. Steels hardly altered with United States Steel unchanged at 23-3/8. American tobacco was unchanged at 69-7/8 although the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents was declared. The averages were Industrials 176.56 and rails 45.38.

Prices hovered around noon levels while corrective forces were at work and many operators digested a spate of earnings and dividend reports. Some commented that the reports reflect a decline in business since the beginning of 1949 but are frequently better than expected. Tobaccos averaged a trifle lower with the news that the Justice Department will shortly file a civil anti-trust suit against major companies. The session closed irregular.—(PTI-Reuter).

NEW YORK CLOSING STOCK EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK, July 27.

Texas Gulf Sulphur	63-5/8
Tidewater Oil	22
Timken Roller Bearing	42
Union Carbide	38-1/2
U. S. Industrial Chemical	21-1/2
U. S. Gypsum	99-1/2
U. S. Steel Pref.	133-3/8
Western Union "A"	14-1/8
West Pennsylvania Electric	22
Youngstown Sheet and Tube	62-5/8
Aluminium Corpn	50-3/4
American Cyanamid	45-1/4
American Gas & Electric	44-7/8
Brazilias Traction	17
Consolidated Gas of Baltimore	62-3/8
Louisiana Land	20-3/4
Baltimore & Ohio (BID)	8-5/8

CHICAGO GRAINS

CHICAGO, July 27.

Chicago Grains firmed after earlier irregularity. Wheat encountered covering in sympathy with the north-western markets on reports that Washington will tomorrow announce a subsidy on flour exports which is expected to revive export flour sales.

Soya beans were strong on the tightness of vegetable oils and sales of soya beans to Scandinavia while maize responded to higher cash premiums and the official report of a new records of 532,574,000 bushels placed under government loan in the year ended June 30 last.—(PTI-Reuter).

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, July 27

September 2.05-5/8.
December 2.08-1/2.
March 2.07-1/2.
May 2.02-3/8.

LONDON WHEAT

London, July 27.

Australian Wheat 89/7-1/2 July-August.

NEW YORK SILVER

NEW YORK, July 27.

U. S. price of Foreign Silver 71-1/2 cents.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, July 27.

Silver Spot and Forward both 43-1/2d. Gold Bars Fine per ounce £8/12/3.

London price of exportable sterling area Silver 57 to 59d. nom.

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, July 27.

T. T. London on:—

New York Selling 4.0275, Buying 4.0325; Montreal Selling 4.0275, Buying 4.0325; Zurich Selling 17.34, Buying 17.36; Sweden 14.47 to 14.50.

N.Y. COTTON STEADY

NEW YORK, July 27.

Prices in the cotton market drifted quietly lower in slow early dealings on scattered selling of Fardistants, attributable to uncertainties over farm legislation, especially in connection with flexible price supports. On the other hand nearbys held relatively steady, reflecting routine trade demands and crop complaints from the eastern and central belts.

In the afternoon, increased short covering and trade buying found contracts scarcer and earlier losses were more than erased before the close. The House of Africultural Committees unanimous approval of legislation authorising the secretary of agriculture to limit 1950 cotton plantings to 21,000,000 acres appeared to be an outstanding factor. The session closed steady with sales placed at 25,000 bales.—(PTI-Reuter).

NEW YORK COTTON CLOSING

New York, July 27.

October	29.62
December	29.57
March	29.51 nom.
May	29.38
Middling Spot	32.47

NEW ORLEANS COTTON CLOSINGS

New York, July 27.

October	29.52
December	29.51
March	29.42 bid.
May	29.30
Middling Spot	31.05

Total number of shares which changed hands during the day 1,030,000

The highest and lowest U. S. Steel trading prices were 23-1/2 and 23-1/4 respectively.

NEW YORK PEPPER FIRMER

NEW YORK, July 27.

BLACK PEPPER: The market was firmer and active at 1.18 to 1.20 per pound both spots and futures with no pause in demand. Asking prices were 1.22. Some believe that even tighter situations may be witnessed in September or October. Today's closing prices: Spot 1.18 to 1.20 traded, September 1.22 bid, October 1.22 bid, December 1.10 bid, January 98 cents bid, March 85 cents bid, May 78 cents bid. White pepper spot 1.55 dollars.—(PTI-Reuter).

LONDON PEPPER STEADY

LONDON, July 27.

In the absence of advices from Singapore owing to holiday there, London pepper prices were unchanged and the market was very quiet. Black Lampong, July-August was sold for 6s. per pound c.i.f. basis ports Malabar, July/August, c.i.f. basis ports was valued at 665s. per cwt. and to New York at 660s. per cwt. c.i.f. White Muntok and White Sarawak remained at 7s. 10-3/4d. per pound sellers c.i.f., basis ports.—(PTI-Reuter).

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, July 27.

	£
2-1/2 p.c. British Consols	72
3-1/2 p.c. Conversion Loan 1961	99
4 p.c. Funding Loan 1960/90	108-3/4
3-1/2 p.c. War Loan 1952	98
Chartered Bank of India	10-1/16
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	86-3/4
National Bank of India	33-3/4

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 5,617.

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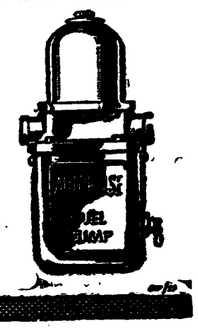

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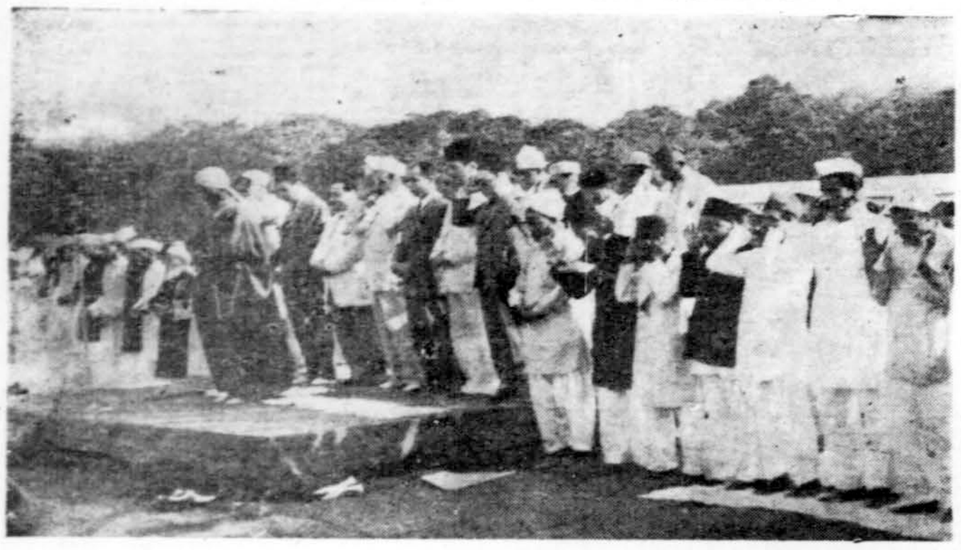
'IDD' PRAYERS AT AZAD MAIDAN



CITY MUSLIMS CELEBRATE 'IDD'

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Id-ul-Fitr marking the joyous end of the holy month of Ramdan is being observed by the Muslims today with great rejoicing.

Bathed, dressed in their colourful best, and perfumed, Muslims of the city, young and old trekked to congregational centres to participate in mass prayers. The chief of these prayer gatherings was held at the Azad Maidan this morning, when thousands of Muslims flocked together, embraced each other, knelt at the call of the Mulla and offered up prayers to Allah, the all merciful.

Muslims in the city including the consular representatives of Islamic countries like Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Iraq and Turkey joined in the congregational prayers led by Maulana Hafiz Ghulam Hussein Ulfat.

Maulana Ahmed Abdulla and Amir Ahmed in a brief address exhorted the Muslims to follow the way of the Holy Quoran. It was the departure from these teachings that had led to the misfortune of the Muslims, they said.

Similar gatherings were held at Mahalakshmi Race Course, Chota Kabrastan and in almost all the mosques of the city.

'IDD' IN HYDERABAD

HYDERABAD, July 28. (U. P. I.)

'Idd' in Hyderabad passed off peacefully. His Exalted Highness the Nizam said his prayers in the public gardens. He was joined there by other members of the royal family and leading citizens.

The city is wearing a gay appearance, Police is posted at every mosque to avoid any untoward incident.

The State is observing a general holiday and all newspapers are also closed.

AZAD'S IDD RECEPTION

Rajaji And Nehru Attend

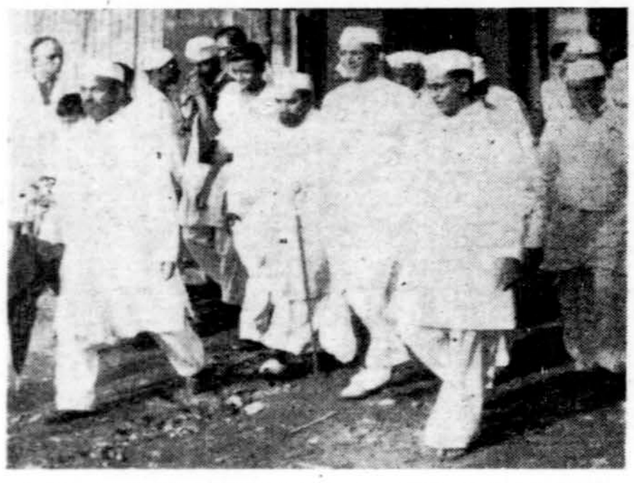
NEW DELHI, July 28 (PTI): Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Education Minister, Government of India, held a reception at Government House on the occasion of Idul-Fitr today.

The Governor-General Mr C. Rajagopalachari, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Ministers of the Government of India and members of the Diplomatic corps and a large number of guests attended the reception.

NEW DELHI, July 28 (PTI): Over a lakh of Delhi Muslims assembled at Juma Masjid this morning to offer Idd prayers. Among those who attended the congregational prayers were Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Education Minister, Government of India, Sir Najibullah Khan, Afghan Ambassador, Mr Mohammed Ismail, Pakistan High Commissioner in India and members of the diplomatic corps of other Muslim countries.

SAUDI ARABIAN CONSULATE'S ID GREETINGS

On the happy and auspicious occasion of Idul-fitr the Royal Saudi Arabian Consulate offers its greetings and good wishes for a happy and prosperous Idd to every Musalman of India. The Consulate sends its good wishes for the progress and prosperity of India and its people.



A reception to celebrate the Id-ul-Fitr was held at Grant Road, under the auspices of the Jamiet-ul-Ulema. Hon. Mr. Morarji Desai was the Chief Guest of Honour.

BULLETS AND BAYONETS WON'T BRING PEACE

Only People Could Do It, Says Morarji Desai

BOMBAY, Thursday.

PEACE and order in the country could not be established by bullets and bayonets, observed Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister to the Government of Bombay speaking this evening at an Id-ul-Fitr reception arranged by the Jamiat-e-Ulema at the Arab Lane compound.

He added that military and police force could only crush disturbances and disorder, but peace and harmony could be established by the efforts of peace-loving citizens. "Whenever violence breaks out," he said, "the people should not take the law in their hands and resort to retaliation." He advised them to remain peaceful and discourage the offenders and help the Police in their task of maintaining law and order.

Stressing the need for communal harmony, he said that one community should not harbour suspicion against another community. Today, he remarked a section of the community still looked upon Muslims with an eye of mistrust. Some Muslims were asking him how they could demonstrate their loyalty to India. He advised them to shed mutual distrust and foster inter-communal harmony and goodwill.

It was futile to find faults with others about what happened in the past. "Forget the past", Home Minister said and added that they should endavour and work hard so that those shameful events were not repeated.

FOLLOW THE MAHATMA

The Home Minister called upon the people to imbibe the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi and mould their lives and actions on the principles of honesty and morality. He emphasised that politics should not be divorced from moral principles. In the West, it was believed that politics and governmental affairs should be kept away from morals. The actions and deeds of those in power, he said had great influence on the people and if the government was not run on moral principles, it would have harmful effects on society. On the other hand, if the people encouraged immorality and dishonesty, it would become impossible for a honest politician to remain in the Government.

STRENGTHEN GOVERNMENT

Maulvi Saif Ullah, President of the Bombay City Jamiat-e-Ulema, who presided over the meeting appealed to the people to strengthen the hands of the Government and support them in their drive to step up food production.

Prominent Congress and Muslims leaders of the city, including Hakim Asmi, Secretary of the Jamiat-e-Ulema, Mr. Abid Ali Jafferbhai, Mr. Salebhai Abdul Kadar, Chairman of the Municipal Standing Committee, Mr. S. L. Silam, Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee attended the function.

Well-known poets participated in a "Mushaira" which was held at night to celebrate Id-ul-Fitr.

BUENOS AIRES, July 28 (PTI-Reuter): Engineers from Argentine, Brazil, Bolivia and Venezuela have agreed here on a plan to link the river systems of their countries by canals.

Next Move Towards Truce Agreement

U. N. C. I. P. TO SUBMIT DETAILED REPORT

KARACHI, July 28 (PTI): The United Nations Kashmir Commission's next move, now that a demarcation line, fixing the boundaries of Indian and Pakistan held territories in Jammu and Kashmir State, has been agreed upon, will be a further effort to bring both the parties to arrive at a truce agreement, Press Trust of India's correspondent reported today.

It is reliably learnt that the basis of further negotiations will be the agreed demarcation line. The truce sub-committee which played a leading part in the Karachi joint military talks, will submit a detailed report to the Commission after which the Commission as a whole is expected to deliberate and decide on its next move.

While the Commission will keep the Security Council informed of the developments in Kashmir, reliable sources here discounted the possibility of the entire Kashmir issue being referred back to the Council for review and further instructions.

The Commission, after making another effort to bring about a truce agreement as envisaged in part two of the August 13 resolution, it is understood will make a detailed report to the Security Council on the happenings in the sub-continent since the cease-fire and their recommendations on the future procedure.

The demarcation line agreement signed yesterday is expected to come into effect immediately it is ratified by both the Governments. It is estimated that it will take about a fortnight to a month to effect the necessary readjustments and set up new pickets at points along the agreed line.

Lt.-Gen. Delvoie, Military Adviser to the Commission, today presented the Indian and Pakistan delegations with separate maps of Jammu and Kashmir with the new boundaries clearly marked to avoid any confusion later.

TELE-COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Two Officers From India To Study U. S. Methods

NEW YORK, July 28. (P.T.I.): Two officers of the Government of India's Posts and Telegraphs Department will come to the United States to study tele-communications under a scheme of fellowship granted by the United Nations Economic Affairs Department cables P. T. I. correspondent.

They are Mr. P. S. Sundaram, Deputy Director-General, Telephones and Telegraphs, and Mr. C. P. Vasudevan, Director of Telegraphs.

They are among 21 candidates from 12 member-governments who have been awarded fellowships.

Another 29 fellowships will be announced within the next two or three weeks.

The fellowships will be from three to six months' duration. Some of the holders will attend the forthcoming United Nations Scientific Conference on resources due to meet at Lake Success from August 17 to September 6. Among the latter is U. Kyi, a forest and soil conservation officer of Burma, who will make special studies in forest and flood control in the United States.

NEWSMEN'S LAST REMAINS

NEW YORK, July 28 (UPA). The ashes of 10 American newsmen killed in the crash of the Royal Dutch Airlines plane near Bombay arrived early on Thursday at Idlewild Airport.

Officials of the State Department took charge of the ashes for forwarding to places of final interment. There were no ceremonies at the airport although representatives of the Dutch and Indonesian Governments were present.

HYDERABAD (Deccan), July 27 (P.T.I.): The Government of Hyderabad has declared the Independence Day, 15th August, 1949, a public holiday as well as a bank holiday.

DIFFICULTIES IN KASHMIR

U. S. Paper Starts A Scare

NEW YORK, July 28 (UPA): A New York 'Herald Tribune' editorial said that the task of the United Nations representatives in handling the Kashmir plebiscite undoubtedly will be one of the most perplexing any similar group has encountered because.

Firstly, some people entitled to vote have not yet heard of the dispute between India and Pakistan.

Secondly, some in the remote areas of Kashmir may not even have heard of the existence of the new states and

Thirdly, there are great difficulties of language.

The editorial added, "Exceptional ingenuity, and patience will be needed in meeting such problems, but all effort will be well spent if the result is a firm decision on the future of Kashmir that will prevent further fighting and improve relations between Pakistan and India."

TROOPS MOVE INTO MINING CENTRES

Fighting Breaks Out In Sydney

SYDNEY, July 28 (PTI-Reuter.). Early today troops armed with rifles and sub-machine-guns took over open cut coal mines in New South Wales paralysed by the month old miners' stricke.

About 16,000 troops, including engineers moved into five mining centres Newcastle, Hamilton, Freta, Muswell Brook and Marrangaroo. Service technicians were being flown from Central Australia to help at the mines it is reported.

Fighting broke out in Sydney today when Communists attempted to break up a meeting of gas workers, addressed by a Labour member of Parliament who declared that the miners must return to work. Police stopped the meeting which looked like developing into a general melee.

In Melbourne, police broke up a demonstration by 500 seamen who marched on Parliament House and demanded an audience with Premier T. Hollway.

The seamen stopped work in defiance of the state of emergency proclaimed at Vistoria yesterday.

The miners Federation's Executive Committee announced today that it did not approve of a recommendation made yesterday by the Central Mining Union Council that aggregate meeting of miners be called to vote on whether to call off the strike.

Globe-Trotting Cyclist

REACHES CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, July 28 (P.T.I.): M. Lionel Brans, 38-years-old Frenchman, has arrived in Calcutta after covering about 8,000 miles and cycling for 92 days on a home-made cycle.

M. Brans who left Paris on November 14 last year passed through Italy, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Turkey, Transjordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan and reached Delhi in the first week of July. He started for Calcutta on July 16, and on his way stopped at Banaras and Patna.

Giving a brief sketch of his numerous experiences, he said that a pack of wolves, near the Yugoslav-Bulgarian frontier, appeared from bushes and chased him. Pedalling as fast as he could, he left the animals a long way behind. Three bandits attacked him in Transjordan, and finding no money they let him go.

M. Brans hopes to leave Calcutta shortly and reach Saigon within 30 days.

LONDON BARRISTER TO DEFEND RAZVI?

HYDERABAD (Dn.), July 28 (P.T.I.): Mr. J. E. Leck, junior to Mr. G. A. Roberts, K. C., London barrister, had an interview with the Military Governor of Hyderabad, Major General J. N. Chaudhury, at the Bolarum Residency, at noon today.

After the interview, Mr. Leck told the P.T.I. that he was unable to give any indication of what transpired at the meeting. He regretted he could not make any statement until Mr. G. A. Roberts arrived in Hyderabad.

Reports current here have mentioned that Mr. Roberts, now in Karachi, may act as Syed Kasim Razvi's counsel in the trial before a special tribunal which commenced yesterday.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END?

U.S. Occupation Of Japan

TOKYO, July 28 (PTI-Reuter). General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in the Pacific, announced today that by December, 42 former Military Government teams would be withdrawn from prefectures and districts, leaving only eight for regional supervision.

The teams were previously entrusted with "supervision and inspection" of Japanese obedience of SCAP instructions. The last eight, now known as civil affairs teams, will be staffed as far as possible by civilians and General MacArthur's headquarters will take over direct command of the United States Eighth Army.

36 Killed In Typhoon

TOKYO, July 28. (PTI-Reuter): The typhoon which struck the Japanese Pacific Island of Okinawa five days ago killed 36 people, injured 236 and destroyed over 16,000 dwellings, General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters here announced today.

MIXED GRILL

By Grumbler

TOURISTS are nothing new on the Indian scene. From Marco Polo to Miss Catherine Mayo, they have come in an endless stream and written about us. This, of course, does not take account of the earlier Chinese Pilgrims and Arab travellers.

In what may be called the modern era, however, the wealth and glamour of India has always attracted tourists. It is estimated that during the pre-war days, when the balance of trade in commodities was in our favour and the balance of trade in impressions was against us, as many as 30,000 persons came to this country every year, from Britain, the Continent and America.

That position now is thoroughly changed. The balance of trade in commodities is now extremely adverse to us. We have imperceptibly glided into an era when we must boost exports and cut imports. But as far as human beings are concerned, it is just the other way round. The current complaint is that we have too many people going abroad and too few coming in. Men, like every other marketable commodity, have become counters in the juggling of Exchange equilibrium.

People came to India from times immemorial. They came as pilgrims to drink at the fountain of our learning, arts and philosophy. They came as explorers of our natural wealth, drawn by the beauty of our landscapes, mountains and rivers, the grandeur of our tombs and temples and the exciting range and variety of our fauna and flora. They also came for business and for conquest. We welcomed them, without looking too closely at their purses, or even their credentials!

We welcome them now, as ever or even more; but solely and wholly for what they carry in their pockets. We want the pounds and the dollars which they bring to make up for the prodigal wastage of these currencies which is taking place every day.

It is true that the accommodation and the transport we can provide is not what we would like it to be. As a New Delhi official is said to have put it, we are in the position of someone who is building a new house and has to welcome guests in it, before it is complete. With our pots and pans all strewn about, our beds perched on three legs on a yet uneven floor, with the bricks of the wall still jutting out without plaster and the roof not being all there, we beam with a broad smile and say: "come in", cheerily; with the unexpressed thought back of our minds: "Hope you bring a wad of dollars".

We are prepared to go one step further. In a brave attempt to make them feel at home, we are willing to fish out the bottles of liquor which we have saved up from our own people. What more can they ask for?

They can come here, get drunk, pay us all the taxes in dollars and go home with whoopee. Maybe one of them will even do a book which will make Miss Mayo green with jealousy.

IDEAL TRAINS IN EUROPE

Never Late; Tyres Cover Wheels

How efficiently Continental railway systems are running their business can be gauged from the following travel impressions of Mr. C. M. Squarey, Ocean Travel Manager of Cook's. Mr. Squarey wites:—

"How very well the French Railways have recovered from the depredations of war is exemplified by the fact that quite recently on one day, with the many hundreds of trains running over all the routes of the country, not one of them arrived a second late—a phenomenal and praiseworthy achievement. Time-keeping, even on the heavy suburban services, is excellent.

"The new swift "Strasbourg Flyer," composed of six aluminum coaches, is what school-boys would aptly call a "fizzer". Each coach has twenty wheels, and each wheel is fitted with an inflated rubber tyre! For safety-first purposes, these tyres are changed roughly every five weeks. It almost makes you tired to "ot up how many tyres they use in a year.

"Though it rarely happens I gather these tyres can get punctured (up to two punctures does not jeopardise safety an atom), but there is an ingenious device in the engine cab that tells the driver at once if the train has got a flat, whereat he stops at the next station and the tyre is changed. To see this train sling—and slink is the right word—almost silently out of the Gare de l'Est is to see a sight that is, forsooth, the very poetry of motion."

Sharing Atomic Secrets With Britain And Canada

TRUMAN ASSURES CONSULTATION WITH CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, July 28 (U.P.A)—President Truman Wednesday promised to give Congress plenty of advance notice before taking any steps toward sharing United States atomic bomb secrets with Britain and Canada.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson relayed Truman's pledge to House and Senate leaders in a two hour closed conference with the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee.

Committee Chairman Brien McMahon said Acheson revealed plans for conferences with Britain and Canada about atomic relations but promised there will be "no change whatsoever in existing arrangements until Congress is consulted about the outcome of the talks."

Britain and Canada were full wartime partners in the atomic bomb development but have been cut off from United States secrets since 1946.

The administration believes the partnership should be restored to protect the United States' uranium ore supply which is largely controlled by the two countries.

The meeting, at which Secretary of Defence Louis Johnson joined Acheson in presenting the administration's stand, was the third top-level secret conference on the issue in the past two weeks.

While McMohan did not say so, it was indicated that Truman's promise to consult Congress again before making any commitments was part of a two-way agreement under which Congressmen also pledged not to start a floor fight on the issue in the meantime.

Several members of the atomic committee, including Republican Senators William Knowland and Bourke Hickenlooper, have previously threatened such a fight to block any atomic information sharing. They contend that it is already prohibited by the Atomic Energy Act of 1946 but hinted they might press a bill to close any possible loop-holes in the law.

KING ATTENDS PAK RECEPTION

LONDON, July 27 (PTI-Reuter)—The King and the Queen tonight attended a reception given here by the Pakistan High Commissioner, Habib Ibrahim Rahimtoola and Begum Rahimtoola, to make the opening of the High Commissioner's new office in Lowndes Square, South-west London.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the Prime Minister Mr. Clement Attlee, the High Commissioners for India and Ceylon, and most of the Ambassadors and Ministers in London were among the 350 guests who attended the reception, which coincided with the end of the fast of Ramzan.

U.S. CONFIDENCE IN TRYGVE LIE

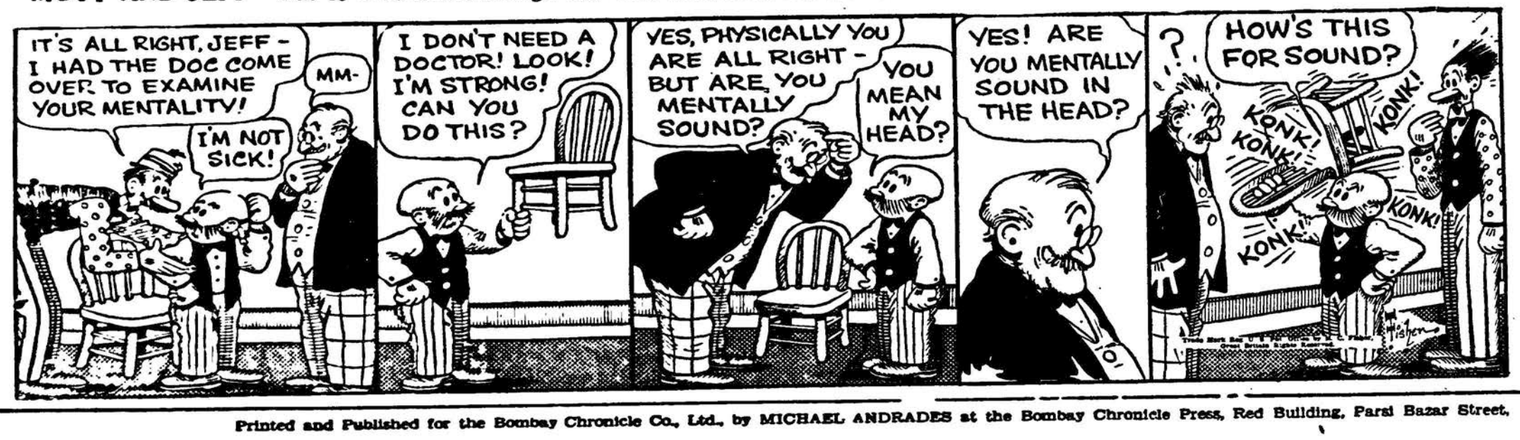
WASHINGTON, July 27, (PTI-Reuter): The United States State Department today challenged testimony given before a senate committee recently that the United Nations staff under Secretary-General Trygve Lie was "terrorized by Communist agents."

The testimony, offered by an unnamed witness, was released last Saturday by a senate judiciary sub-committee.

Tonight's State Department statement expressed "great confidence" in the ability and integrity of Mr. Trygve Lie and of Mr. Byron Price Assistant Secretary-General in charge of administration in the United Nations Organization.

MUTT AND JEFF—But It's A Little Rough On The Furniture At Least

By BUD FISHER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I'M NOT SICK!
I DON'T NEED A DOCTOR! LOOK! I'M STRONG! CAN YOU DO THIS?
YES, PHYSICALLY YOU ARE ALL RIGHT - BUT ARE YOU MENTALLY SOUND?
YOU MEAN MY HEAD?
YES! ARE YOU MENTALLY SOUND IN THE HEAD?
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HOW'S THIS FOR SOUND?
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